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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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A Charge to Keep I Have

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky;

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill,—
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord, pre-
pare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Knowing that by my evil way,
I but deserve to die.

—Charles Wesley

The Lord Our Righteousness

By Dr. John R. Rice

(Preached Sunday night, May 18, 1956, at Calvary Baptist Church, Wheaton, Ill.
Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."—Jer. 23:3-8.

Jeremiah has been prophesying that judgment is coming on the nation Israel. Throughout the book of Jeremiah, there is a sob in the throat of the prophet and there are tears in the eyes of the prophet, and Jeremiah is called

"the weeping prophet." Nowadays talk of coming calamity is called a jeremiad. That means one who talks like Jeremiah brings a jeremiad, that is, a prophecy of doom. But in the midst of all these

promises of judgment and captivity—the children of Israel led into Babylon, Jerusalem destroyed, the temple torn down—God gives the promise: "I see the day," God said, "I will bring back all my flock

from the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their own land." He said, "I will set shepherds over my people, over my flock, and I will raise a righteous King, the seed of David, a branch of the seed of David." He will be called "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS," the Scripture says.

I. THE RESTORATION OF ALL GOOD THINGS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Now this is the promise of the literal restoration of the nation Israel, but also the restoration of things for Christians. Here God calls the people of Israel "my flock," "my sheep," "the sheep of my pasture." But David said for all of us Christians, "The Lord is my shepherd." If I ever hear any Jew saying, "Jesus Christ is my shepherd," I will say, "He is mine, too!" Then the Jew will say, "But Abraham is my father." And I will say, "Oh, yes, but I trusted the Lord like faithful Abraham; so I am Abraham's seed, too, according to the promise."

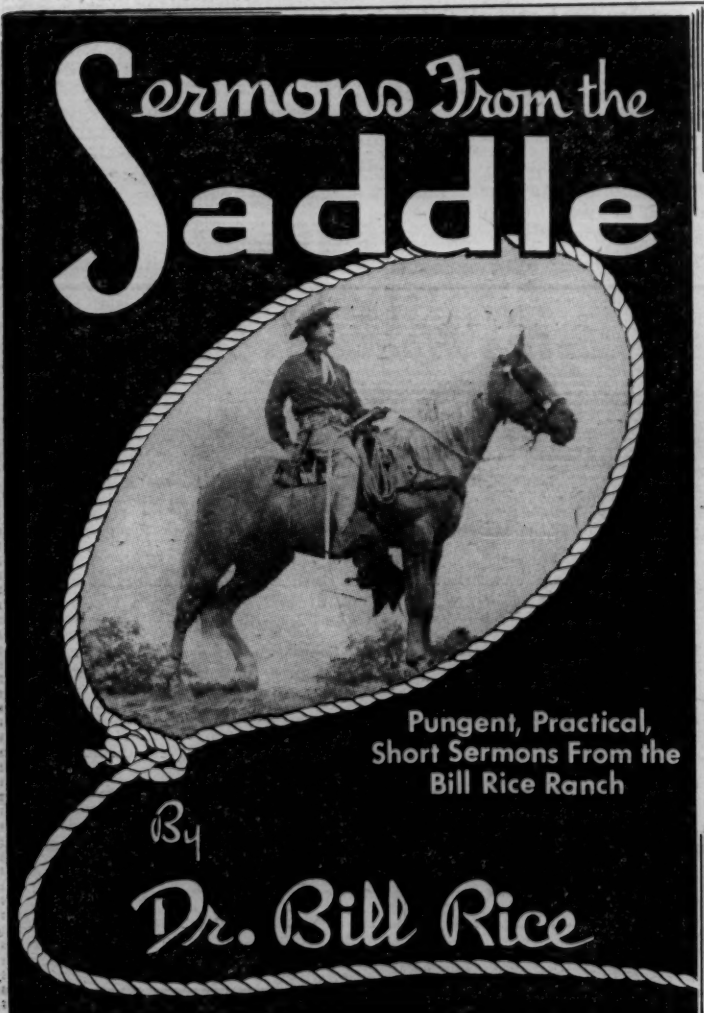
Somebody says, "I'm a Jew." I answer back, "One is not a Jew who is just a Jew outwardly, but one who is a Jew inwardly, and I am of the chosen people, too." And he may say, "But I am of the true, tame olive tree, the Jews." I answer, "But I am the wild olive branch that was grafted into the same stalk, praise God! And all the promises there are mine too."

If I hear a Jew say, "But I have been circumcised," I will say, "Yes, I have been circumcised in heart," and so one blessed day Jews will be circumcised in heart, too, and then Jews and Gentiles, the middle wall of partition broken down between them, and all God's people, the Jews who have been converted and Gentiles who have been converted. So this is the story of the restoration of Israel, but

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DO RIGHT

Though the Stars Fall

No Christian Ever Needs to Support Anything That Is Wrong or
Compromise With Modernism to Stay in a Church

Chapel Address on February 1, 1957, by Dr. Bob Jones,
Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bob
Jones University.

I would like to suggest that all of you read carefully the fourth chapter of the Book of James. I quote the last verse: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." We remember in this chapter that certain people who considered themselves Christians were frustrated. They wanted something, fought to get it, and seemed to have conflict within their own hearts. They did not get the answer to their prayers because they wanted to consume anything that God might give them upon themselves.

The writer of this chapter makes it clear that anybody who is a friend of the world is an enemy of God. They had accepted the standards of the world, and that is exactly what a big percentage of the church members of America have done in our day.

You will remember that this epistle is written to the "twelve tribes which are scattered abroad." They evidently knew what was right, so he said, "If you know what is right and will not do what is right, it is a sin." It is a sin for a man not to do what is right even if he does not know what is right but could know what is right.

You students in Bob Jones University know what is right. We have told you over and over again that the two biggest words in the English language are the two little words, DO RIGHT. We have said over and over again, "Do right regardless of the consequences. Do right if the stars fall."

It Costs Something to Do Right

There has never been a time in the history of this country when it was more important to stand for principle than it is today. We believe that Bob Jones University, which is now in its thirtieth year, was called of God into existence and trained through the last thirty years to meet the issues of this day. This University is not going to compromise. We are going to

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Bob Jones, Sr.

The WRATH to Come!

By Charles H. Spurgeon

"... a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."—Acts 24:15.

You who are sensual and devilish do not care about your souls being punished, because you never think about your souls; but if I tell you of bodily punishment you will think of it far more. Christ may have said that the soul should be punished; but he far more frequently described the body in misery in order to impress his hearers; for he knew that they were sensual and devilish, and that nothing that did not affect the body would touch them in the least. "We must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive the things done in the body, according to what we have done, whether it be good or evil."

This is not the only text to prove the doctrine; I will give you a better one—Matthew 5:29: "If thy right eye offend thee,

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Charles H. Spurgeon

"You're Welcome, Brother Rice!"

By Viola Walden
Secretary to the Editor

"Doctor, that is twenty cubic centimeters" . . . she marked it down again . . . "twenty cubic centimeters more" . . . over and over she made notations . . . then, "That is two hundred cubic centimeters, doctor."

"That's enough!" the doctor exclaimed. "He's going to live!" The nurse carefully withdrew the needle from Dr. Rice's arm and held the tube high so the last drop of blood could drain into little Jackie Hunter's arm in Dallas, 20 years ago. Now with the new blood coursing through his body, six-year-old Jackie would recover from an almost fatal case of pneumonia. He was thin and weak, but he would soon become strong again!

"Don't forget to thank Brother Rice," Jackie's mother urged, as he was being wheeled down the hall. Little Jackie turned slowly on his bed and smiled, "You're welcome, Brother Rice!"

Jackie's thanks was simple and a little bit confused, it is true, but it warmed the heart of Dr. Rice. How much can just a sincere "thank you" mean to a man's heart!

For years THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been the life-blood for many sick sinners and backslidden saints. Although at times people have been thin and weak, it has been evident that they would become strong again by sustenance from its pages. During its twenty-three years' ministry, hundreds have come to know the Saviour through THE SWORD OF THE LORD, as evidenced by letters on file. Thousands of Christians have been strengthened by its message, drawn from a backslidden condition into sweet fellowship with the Lord, and have turned from worldliness. Letters prove this.

How many such people we meet in our travels across the country in revival campaigns! In Vancouver, B. C., Canada, a place where Dr. Rice had not been previously, the pastor asked for a show of hands of those who had read Dr. Rice's writings. I suppose three-fourths of the audience had read either THE SWORD or some of his books! In the same campaign, a group came down from the Yukon territory to hear Dr. Rice one night. They were readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and how they rejoiced at the opportunity to hear the editor! That is true wherever we go.

But how many of you have ever written a word of thanks to the editor? Stop and consider. Have you ever said, "Thank you, Dr. Rice," for his labor of love? Many of you will have to confess that you have never once shown your gratitude to him.

How discourteous it is to have a lovely meal prepared and never say "thank you" to the kind hostess for her hospitality! Week in and week out your editor labors

unceasingly to bring into your home the best meal possible through twelve big pages, sometimes working while you sleep, in the interest of your spiritual welfare.

How Dr. Rice enjoys preaching in revivals! This year already he has held three blessed campaigns in Canada—Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver. How people came to hear him! He has sometimes begged the Lord to let him be away more from the editorial work and in revivals. But there came a time several years ago when the Lord very definitely told him that his greatest ministry was with THE SWORD OF THE LORD. The Lord pressed this matter so emphatically on him that he has had to spend more time in Wheaton, and less in revivals. He has willingly submitted to the Lord's leading. Even in revivals, when he preaches as many as four and five times a day, he spends many hours working in a makeshift office (dictating machine on a chair, letters on the floor, SWORD copy on the window sill). It's hard work. I know. Mrs. Rice and I are usually along. Hours each day are spent praying over copy, selecting the best. Feeding around 100,000 hungry souls a week takes much labor, many sleepless hours. How well I know!

With these things in mind, don't you think you owe a word of thanks to Dr. Rice for this sacrifice which he has made to bless you and yours?

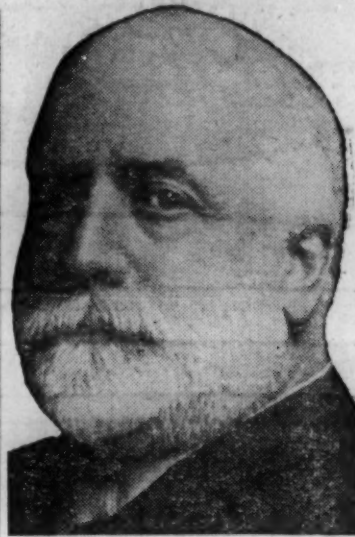
When would be a better time for your thanks than March, our annual Letter Month! Your letter is a "shot in the arm" to all of us here!

There is a saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." Yes, busy people are the most courteous. Busy Dr. Ironside used to always scribble notes in his own handwriting to Dr. Rice, in answer to some question. We could always expect a quick answer from that dear saint anytime we wrote him about anything. Who could have been busier! That is true of some of the busiest people I know, at a great Christian University. No matter what one writes to them about, an answer is back in the mail within twelve hours. And the students in this university are the most kindly and gracious people we know. "Thank you" notes are always received for anything done for them. But of course ungrateful people lack thoughtfulness. This is evidenced by unthankfulness.

But you are grateful, and you want to know how best you can

The Deity of Jesus Christ

By the late Dr. R. A. Torrey
Famous Evangelist who died in 1928



Dr. R. A. Torrey

How Would You Prove That Jesus Christ Is Really the Son of God?

First of all, I would prove that He rose from the dead. Of this there is abundant proof. I have given it elsewhere (*The Bible and Its Christ*) and will not repeat it here. The fact that Jesus Christ rose from the dead proves beyond a question that He is the Son of God.

When He was here upon earth He repeatedly declared that He was the Son of God, the Son of God in a unique sense, the Son of God in a sense in which no other man is the Son of God. In Mark 12:6 He taught that while the prophets, even the greatest of them, were servants, He was a Son, an only Son. In John 5:22, 23 He taught that all men should honor Him even as they honored the Father. In John 14:9 He went so far as to say: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Men hated Him for making this claim to be the Son of God: they put Him to death for making this claim (Matt. 26:63, 66), but

show your gratitude to us, particularly to the editor, during Letter Month.

During March I have gotten special consent to offer SWORD OF THE LORD readers three 1-year subscriptions in the United States for \$5 (\$6.50 in Canada and foreign countries). With these three subscriptions we are offering free a lovely plastic Bible case to hold your largest Bible, a notebook, quarterly and pencil, and other miscellaneous items. This case regularly sells for \$1.25.

You can see we are really making it easy for you to write. Remember, three single subscriptions cost \$7.50, and the Bible case \$1.25—this \$8.75 value is yours during Letter Month for \$5! In addition, if you ask for it, we send free Bill Rice's little booklet, *Sermons From the Saddle*. And your subscription order would be the finest "thank you" you could say to your noble editor. Won't you do that for Jesus' sake? And with your three subscriptions for \$5 add a little personal word of thanks to Dr. Rice. He will read it and rejoice. How he loves letters!

He is counting on you and me to increase the circulation greatly during this month-long effort. Now don't let me down. I will put in my three subscriptions and will be looking for yours.

Many of you would never give it a second thought to spend \$5 on something far less important than getting the Gospel into the hands—and hearts—of friends, loved ones, neighbors, and especially the lost. You cannot in dollars and cents value what three subscriptions will do.

As I write this I think of that song, "Nobody Told Me of Jesus." May it not be true of us.

Would you care if some friend you have met day by day Should never be told about Jesus? Are you willing that he in the judgment shall say, "No one ever told me of Jesus."

Care you not if one soul of the children of men Should never be brought unto Jesus? Or would say in that day when He cometh again, "No one ever told me of Jesus."

Would you care if your crown should be starlessly dim, Because you led no one to Jesus? Make it true that some heart shall not answer to Him: "No one ever told me of Jesus."

Then be silent no longer! but earnestly pray For grace to be telling of Jesus So that no one can say on that great judgment day, "No one ever told me of Jesus."

Yes, surely if you get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the hands of three people, then those three

before they put Him to death for making this claim He told them that God would set His seal to the claim by raising Him from the dead. It was a stupendous claim to make: it was an apparently absurd claim, but God did set His seal to it by raising Jesus from the dead. By doing this God Himself has said more clearly than if He should speak from the open heavens today: "This Man is what He claims to be. He is My Son. All men should honor Him even as they honor the Father."

Jesus Christ proves Himself to be the Son of God by the claim He made to be the Son of God and by the way in which He substantiated that claim by His resurrection from the dead.

But He also substantiated it by His character, by its beauty and strength and nobility. The character of Jesus Christ is well nigh universally admitted. Jews nowadays admit that. The most notorious infidels have admitted it. Even Col. Ingersoll once said: "I wish to say once and for all, to that great and serene Man I gladly pay the homage of my admiration and my tears."

But here is this Man, whom all admit to be a good Man, a Man of honor and of truth and of nobility, claiming to be the Son of God. Certainly a Man of such character was what He claimed to be.

He substantiated His claim furthermore by the miracles which He performed. Herculean efforts have been put forth to discredit the Gospel stories of Christ's miracles, but these efforts have all resulted in utter and lamentable failure.

He substantiated His claim by His influence on the history of the

can never say that no one ever told them of Jesus.

And remember that your three subscriptions for \$5 (\$6.50 in Canada and other foreign countries) during March Letter Month will—

- (1) Say "Thank you; I am grateful for THE SWORD OF THE LORD";
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world. It needs no argument to prove that Christ's influence upon the history of the world has been beneficent immeasurably beyond that of any other man who ever lived. His influence upon individual life, domestic life, social life, industrial life, political life, it would be foolish to compare with that of any other man, or that of all men put together.

Now if Jesus Christ was not divine as He claimed to be, He was a blasphemer and an impostor or else a lunatic. It is easy to see that His influence upon history is not that of a lunatic, or that of a blasphemer and impostor. Then certainly He must have been the Son of God as He claimed.

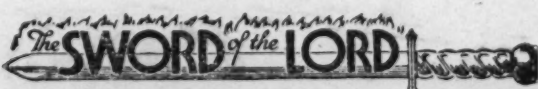
I would furthermore prove that Jesus Christ is the Son of God by pointing to the fact that He possesses divine power today. It is not necessary to go back to the miracles Christ performed when upon earth to prove that He has divine power. He exercises that power today and any one can test it:

(1) He has power to forgive sins. Thousands can testify that they came to Christ burdened with an awful sense of guilt, and that He has actually given their guilty conscience peace, absolute peace;

(2) He has power today to set Satan's victims free. He sets the one chained by drink free from the power of drink, the one chained by opium free from the power of opium. You may say various cures do this, but the cases are not parallel. These various cures use drugs, Christ a mere word. Christ sets free not only from vices but from sin. He makes the impure man pure. He makes the selfish man unselfish, the devilish man Christlike. He recreates men and women.

The divine influence that Jesus Christ is exerting today over the lives of countless men and women proves beyond a peradventure that He is the Son of God. I know Jesus Christ is divine because of the divine work that He, and He alone, has wrought in my own life.

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CHAPTER VIII

Tumors and Nightmares

There was a clatter of falling instruments. I looked up. Daudi was groping on the theater floor picking up artery forceps that had scattered in all directions. Catching my eye, he smiled:

"I was trying to learn a list of English adjectives, Bwana, and polish instruments at the same time."

Consequently, I was not unduly surprised when he arrived one morning, and, in his best English, said:

"Yacobo, the carving fundi (expert) has arrived on his donkey, Bwana, and with him is a child who is very thin, wasted, emaciated and skinny."

I laughed.

"Go easily, Daudi; he can't be as bad as all that."

"He is, Bwana; he's wonderfully thin."

On our way to the hospital to see this unusual case, we met Yacobo balancing himself awkwardly on sawn-off crutches. He greeted me.

"Where is your donkey?" I asked.

Yacobo smiled. "My brother has taken her to see her relatives while I'm in hospital."

We talked for a minute, and then went into the men's compound. Sitting listlessly in the shade of a pomegranate tree, surrounded by a group of relations, was the new patient. He looked all that Daudi had described and more. He was a walking skeleton. His limbs seemed nothing but skin stretched tightly over bone, and his eyes shone brightly out of deep sockets.

I greeted the father, and then said:

"How long has he been ill?"

With elaborate gesture, the old man replied:

"Behold, Bwana, he was well yesterday, fat and rounded. He went to bed, and *kumbe!* he woke up like that."

I smiled. "Perhaps it started last month," I suggested.

"Perhaps, Bwana," he solemnly agreed.

The staff grunted its disgust in the one word, "*Kah.*"

Encouraged, I went further. "Perhaps it was last year?"

Again smiles and nods. After quite an amount of sifting, it turned out that eighteen months before, a swelling, the size of a cherry stone, had appeared behind his front teeth. The *Muganga* (witch doctor) had been called, and he had applied a glowing stick with such effect that within a few months the tumor was as large as a pigeon's egg. The unfortunate boy had then swallowed literally pints of native medicine, brews of herbs and goat's fat, and other unsavory and unmentionable ingredients, with no helpful result.

I turned to the lad, and said:

"Did you like the taste of your Chigogo medicine?"

He moved his spindly arms and pointed to his lips. One look into his mouth more than explained his silence.

I made a careful examination. The neck itself



Mifupa was starving, his mouth filled with a tumor so he could not eat.

He moved his spindly arms and pointed to his lips. One look into his mouth more than explained his silence.

I made a careful examination. The neck itself

Dr. Ben Johnson Celebrates 24 Years

Dr. Ben D. Johnson will celebrate in March the 24th anniversary of his pastorate in Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas. The week of March 10-17 Dr. Chester Tulga and others will be speaking in a Bible conference. March 18-24 Dr. Bob Jones will conduct an evangelistic campaign.

Dr. Johnson is a noble, sound man of God and the church has been greatly blessed. We congratulate our friend and the church on God's 24 years of blessing.

was normal, but the mouth was almost completely filled with an ugly growth, which I was at a loss to diagnose on sight. Under his chin were the scars of deep scratches, showing where the witch doctor had produced some more of his futilities.

Daudi peered into his mouth. "What do you think it is, Bwana?"

"It's a cancer of some sort, but, whatever sort it is, we have got to fatten him up a bit before we can attempt any sort of operation."

Purely as routine, we examined his blood. The report showed him to be a veritable museum of tropical fevers, and to have an advanced anemia.

James, who called himself "Ward Sister," had admitted the boy to the ward. He was being sponged down when I went in to order treatment. He was half paralyzed with fear. Samson, who was arranging the surgical apparatus for me, whispered:

"Bwana, he was sent here to die. The witch doctor was conquered by the disease, and he thought it better for the boy to die here, so that he could say that it was our fault."

I nodded. It was the old, old story.

"And, Bwana," continued Samson, "they've told him you'll take out his eyes for medicine, and—"

Daudi interrupted. "But what can we do? They say he cannot swallow even the thinnest gruel; only water will now find its way round the *ipu* in his throat. Behold, Bwana, there is no other door to his stomach."

I laughed. "Listen, if you can't get in through the door, what do you do?"

"Try the window, Bwana."

"Right, that's what I'm going to do. Now where's that gruel?"

Daudi went out and came back with a pot of *wubaga* (thin native porridge).

Yacobo sat up in bed. In English, he said:

"He thinks it's poisoned, Bwana."

"Yes, we'll have to show him it isn't. Will you have a spoonful?"

He nodded. "That's wisdom, Bwana."

Turning to the ward, I said, in Chigogo:

"Who'll have a spoonful of our *wubaga* and sugar?"

"Ane" (I), cried Mguu.

"Na nene" (And I), from Kitu.

They both dealt faithfully with their portions and begged for more.

Our new patient, who had already been dubbed "*Mifupa*" (bones), watched this wide-eyed, but he still struggled violently when I approached with a tray set up with instruments. All my efforts to calm him had the opposite effect, so I left the porridge to do its own propaganda.

Samson kindly but firmly placed his large hands on the lad's head and knees. It was rather pathetic to watch him trying to wriggle free.

I took up a long rubber tube, lubricated with glycerine, and slid it up the lad's left nostril. His eyes rolled in terror.

"Bwana," asked Samson, "why put the tube up his nose?"

Busy with the job, I replied, briefly:

"There are no teeth in the nose."

My helpers smiled.

"But, Bwana," said Daudi, "will you not pour gruel into his lungs?"

"If you listen to the tube and hear a whistling sound, then it's in the lung," I explained. "It is a very bad technique to pour porridge into lungs, so you pull it out

More Sword Literature Sent to California State Prison

By Viola Walden, Secretary to the Editor

Nothing touches our heartstrings so much as letters from men in prison. And scores of such letters come to us because of our efforts to help them.

We are grateful for good chaplains who ask for sound literature for the men whose spiritual welfare they hold in their hands. Whenever possible, we try to fill every request from a godly chaplain working with men behind the bars.

In November of last year, the following letter was received.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Corrections
CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON
SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

Dr. John R. Rice
Sword of the Lord Foundation
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Dr. Rice:

Your letter of October 24, and all of the gifts listed have arrived and we certainly are grateful.

Our 4,000 men here, there is a minority who are serious in their spiritual health. This group avidly turns to such gifts as yours. The books are a welcome addition to our Religious Library and the papers are made available to interested seekers.

and try again, till the tube follows the right path." They grinned.

"See," I exclaimed, "all is well this time." I pointed to a mark on the tube. "It's in the right place—now, Samson, pour gently."

"*Kah!*" said Daudi. "*Hongo!* behold, his fright becomes less as his stomach fills."

The boy certainly was less frightened at his next feed, and he commenced to put on flesh amazingly.

He was fed and dosed by the same tube, and he came to look for it three times daily. I had quite a long argument with James. He maintained it was sheer waste of our scanty funds to put sugar into gruel which the patient couldn't taste.

A week after treatment had started I was doing my morning rounds. Mifupa was at the far end

of the ward. I looked at Mguu's dressing, listened to Kitu's heart, and noticed with concern the swelling of his legs. Yacobo's plaster needed easing, and then I had to listen to a string of complaints from an old man with an irritating skin disease. This was too much for Mifupa, who felt that I was neglecting him. He banged loudly on the petrol-box bed-locker. When I looked up, startled, he went through the whole dumb show of tube feeding, ending up by beating pathetically on his ever-expanding abdomen to the great entertainment of the rest of the ward.

One day, I called James and Daudi to the theater.

"He's fit for operation now, but I can't tell which way things will go. He's only got a fifty-fifty

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Dr. Andrew Gih Writes

By the Editor

We are glad to have a recent letter from Dr. Andrew Gih, head of the Chinese Evangelization Mission, doing work in Shanghai, Hangchow, Formosa, Hongkong, Macao, Singapore, and Indonesia. The address of the U. S. Headquarters is P. O. Box 3475, Portland 8, Oregon.

Brother Gih is a sound, spiritual, godly, soul-winning man, and we are glad God is blessing his work. We know that *Sword* readers will be interested in his letter.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Thank you for sending us *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* as missionary gifts. Our people got blessings from it by reading. Will you please continue to send to the following places for 1957? Thank you very much." (Here follows a list of subscriptions which we have been sending through our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund to Indonesia, Formosa, Hongkong, and Singapore.)

"I am now in Indonesia, coming into this country on December 12, 1956, after two and a half years' absence. I rejoice to see the progress of the work made during this period. My eyes were filled with tears listening to the 50-voice choir of our high school realizing these young lips would never sing praises to the Almighty, save this school, for they are from heathen homes. But many of them have been converted and are ready to join the church. Praise His Name!"

"We had just concluded a successful youth conference, the first nation-wide ever held in this coun-

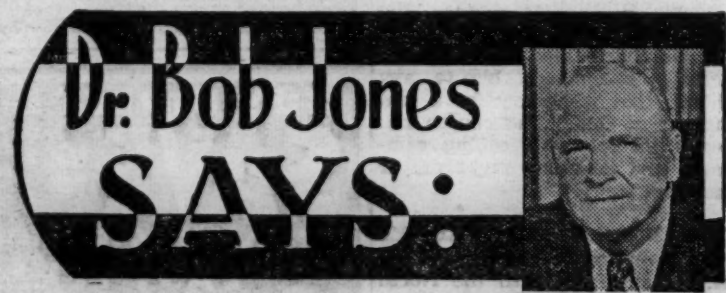
try, sponsored by our Bible College. 180 delegates from different cities came and lived in the college for a week's solid preaching and teaching of His Word. God worked mightily from the very beginning. In the first meeting we had 70-80 standing on their feet confessing sins to God for His forgiving grace. In all we had 300 in attendance, 128 in consecrations, and 50 some for salvation. Praise the Lord!"

"I am now holding meetings in different cities. God is blessing with large crowds and wonderful responses. There are seekers 50-100 each time when the invitation is given. Opportunities are wonderful. We need your prayers. God bless you and all yours."

"With Christian love and greetings,
"Yours in His service,"
(Signed) Andrew Gih

It is a joy to renew the subscriptions to these workers on the far-flung battle lines, getting out the Gospel, most of them in places where they cannot send money out of their country for subscriptions. We are sure that Christians who read this will want to send money for our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund, so we are renewing these subscriptions as requested.

Let us thank God that the Gospel still has power wherever it is preached through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and let us pray for Brother Gih and the Chinese Evangelization Mission.



The many letters that come to my desk and the desk of Bob, Jr., from former students give us more and more encouragement about the work Bob Jones University is doing. I quote from a letter received recently from a former student:

"I have enlisted in the Marines. Here on the base, the chapel service is a time of worship, yet nothing to compare with Bob Jones University. I am convinced that the best-trained, disciplined individual for any field is a Bob Jones University trained student. The training I received when a student has helped me greatly here on the base. It is amazing how many men have never made a decision. One thing Bob Jones University teaches is how to live. Thank you so much, Dr. Bob, for what Bob Jones University has done for me. May the Lord continue to bless the school."

Now, my friends, if you believe in the type work God is using Bob Jones University to do, we

would like to have you do three things for us. First: Pray daily and earnestly for the University. Second: Help the institution contact the right kind of young people who can be trained for real Christian leadership. Our problem is not a problem of getting students, but we do want to train as many *Christian leaders* as possible, not just for the ministry and the mission field but as school teachers, businessmen, businesswomen, and for all walks of life. Third: Won't you please invest some of the Lord's money in the work being done by Bob Jones University. I do not know any place in the world where you can invest some of God's money and get greater spiritual dividends for time and for eternity. Please let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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Spiritually Blind 29 Years; Finds Light Through "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

By Viola Walden, Secretary to the Editor

During 1956, we had word of people who trusted the Saviour after reading SWORD literature. That averages over two a day. This number does not count the hundreds of others saved through 23 foreign translations, as reported to us by missionary committees. Praise the Lord, our labor and your labor was not in vain during 1956.

The following five letters were among those written to tell of conversions last year.

The first one was written November 15, from Germany, from a Master Sergeant in the American army. Read this heart-warming note.

Dear Reverend,

Yesterday my mother sent me one of your pamphlets entitled, "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" After reading it, I could hardly believe how I have been blind for all of my 29 years. It is so easy to be saved that I can't understand why there are yet so many people in this world who fail to accept the Lord as their Saviour.

It took me a long time to realize how to be saved. But after reading your pamphlet, I have made up my mind that today, the 15th of November, is the day I have accepted the Lord as my Saviour and I feel like telling the world.

My wife and two small children are going to join me here in Germany on the 22nd of this month. I can hardly wait until they get here so we can worship and pray as a family.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL BACK HOME.

Master Sergeant Wm. McMasters

Don't you know his mother rejoiced that she had a part in helping him to the Saviour by sending him a salvation booklet, with a prayer, no doubt, on her lips, for his salvation.

The second letter is from Mrs. Berkett, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. She enclosed the decision form from the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?", saying that she that day was trusting Christ to save her. Then she wrote:

Dear Brother Rice:

Thank you so much for obeying God and writing your little pamphlet, "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" for now I know I'm saved.

For years I've been striving for salvation only to realize that it is free for me and all others. For years I've been begging God to accept me when He was waiting for me to accept Him. I was waiting for a blessing—I wasn't willing to accept; but now, praise the Lord, the blessing is mine. At last I understand.

Would you please send me 50 copies of your pamphlet so I may give them to my friends so they too might find salvation.

The third letter is from a man who wrote for both himself and his wife. He too enclosed the decision form from the booklet,

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which reads: "Realizing that I am a sinner and believing that Christ died for my sins, I here and now trust Him to be my personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins, change my heart, and give me everlasting life as He promised to do. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour and gladly mail this to let you know." Then the letter follows:

Dear Brother Rice:

I am sending you the plan of salvation, the little book all signed, as you have asked me to do. I also want you to know that my wife, Mrs. Dorothy Lackey, has given Him her heart and has placed all of her trust in Him. We know we are saved from God's own Word. He has said, "... him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). We have believed on Him and will forever believe on Him, the Son of God, who has given up His life for us. I am asking you to let everyone you can know, for I love my God. My wife and I pray we can grow stronger in our love for God from day to day.

I can't praise His sweet name as much as I would like to do as I cannot spell too many words. I only went as far as the fourth grade in school. My wife does not know how to spell or write too well. I would like for you to pray with us for God to give us more understanding so we may grow strong within Him. May God always be with us.

Thanking you very kindly for what you have helped us to do.

(Signed) Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Lackey
Weatherford, Texas

The following letter is from a woman who has been richly blessed by this booklet. Read it for yourself.

Dear Brother Rice:

This is what my heart thrills to tell you. Almost four years ago I was packing to move to another house. I found the booklet by you, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" I said to myself, "When I go to rest, I'll read it. I don't know who gave it to me, but I'll find out when I get home." When I read the words that Christ died to save sinners, I thought, "You are a poor lost sinner. Your heart is black, and you have rejected Christ." It went home. I could see it was me, that Christ was on the cross in my place. Then you went on to tell how to believe in Christ, and the Holy Spirit gave me faith. I cried out, "Lord, I believe," and I was saved. I did not need any one to tell me. The Lord did. And I was telling every one I saw, "See, I'm saved." I didn't even try, to be good. I love the words in II Corinthians 5:17, for that's what happened to me. Christ did it all. I just received it...

The letter is signed by Mrs. Lillie Andrews, who lives in East Point, Georgia.

The Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, put their rubber stamp on the back of a booklet which fell into the hands of a girl or woman in the same city. She read the booklet, signed the decision in the back, and wrote Dr. Rice the following letter:

Dear Brother Rice:

I read your little book. It done me good. I trust Jesus and believe in Him with all my heart. Last week I trusted Him, but not all the way. My pastor wanted me to confess in front of all the members of the church. I said I couldn't because the day before I told my best friend I was saved and he laughed at me so I thought that the people in the church would laugh too. So I just couldn't confess in front of all those people. Now I feel different after reading your booklet. I have got faith in Jesus. I

know now I'm going to confess it this coming Sunday. If people laughed I feel I can take it. They laughed at Jesus and He forgave them. I do wish you could send me another little booklet. They are almost as nice to read as the Bible. Will you pray for me and ask Jesus to let me publicly claim Jesus Christ as my salvation to all people. Thank you so much for listening to me. May God bless you,

A friend

(Signed) Joy L. Logsdon
Louisville, Kentucky

These are but a few of the letters which we have not already shared with you.

This 24-page booklet in the English language edition, has led to the conversion of more than 6,000 souls that we know of, who have written to say so—more than the results of any other booklet we know of in this generation. The reading is just like listening to Dr. Rice in the pulpit give a message on salvation. First, he answers the question, "What Must I Do?" Then he shows that Christ died to save sinners, not good men. After the sinner sees he needs saving power more than he needs anything else in the world, then Dr. Rice tells how to be saved, showing that it is not by good works. Then he shows how we have instant salvation. He answers such questions as: Can one be saved without prayer? How should one feel? What about public confession? Then he presses for a decision. It is a full-length sermon, using Scripture to back each statement, with a place on page 23 for that lost person to sign if he will take Christ as Saviour. Oh, it is wonderful to get into the hands of the lost.

Dr. and Mrs. Rice and I travel a lot in revivals. We usually are found with a goodly supply and we find them a wonderful help in starting a conversation about the Lord. "Would you like to have a copy of a booklet which has been translated into some 23 languages, and which has won some 6,000 people to the Lord?" Or you will have your own way of introducing it. We hand copies to filling station attendants, pullman porters, dining car waiters, air line hostesses, taxi drivers. And sometimes we feel led to leave a copy on the table where we eat for the next person to pick up and read.

You may not travel, so I suggest keeping copies in the front room, near the door to give to those who knock. The postman usually would accept a copy gratefully. Or the milkman. Or the paper boy. There are many opportunities which come where the booklet could be used of God.

Why don't you be a missionary in your own home, to those whom you contact daily? I have asked my mother in Dallas, Texas, to watch the death notices and to send copies to the bereaved, when the addresses are given. Oh, how many opportunities we have to help others to know the Lord.

Now while we have a half price on, I suggest you get 100, or 200, or 500 copies of this greatly-used booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Would you invest 1c in a soul? That is what we are asking you to pay during March Letter Month—\$1.00 for 100 copies, plus 15c postage and handling. We want to get out thousands of copies during this time, for we believe that hundreds of souls will be won if we can help you reach the lost. So we are willing to pay half, if you pay half, in 100 lots.

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?



Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

(NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications, additions, etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.)

EVANGELIST PAUL FERGUSON, 1912 Vance Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, witnessed the salvation of 10 people in a meeting he held at the Arlington Heights Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Four joined the church by letter. "Brother Ferguson is a real fundamental Bible preacher, and his results are obtained through prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the preaching of the Word of God," says the pastor, Rev. W. F. Askew.

EVANGELIST BOBBY JACKSON, Ewing, Illinois, just closed a revival in the Free Will Baptist Church, South Roxana, Illinois. There were 12 conversions and 9 rededications, plus several consecrations in a special service. Rev. Wallace Malone is pastor of this young church.

EVANGELIST JOHN TIERNEY, Route 4, Elizabethtown, Taylors, South Carolina, recently conducted a revival campaign in the Boulevard Heights Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Thirty-three people were converted, including 3 Roman Catholics, several young married couples, and 2 sets of twins. Eight joined the church by letter, 10 family altars were established, 40 rededications were made, and 59 new promises to tithe were reported. Rev. Francis M. Chilton is pastor.

Eighty-six additions were made to the First Baptist Church, Stillwell, Oklahoma, in an 8-day meeting led by **EVANGELIST FRED GAGE**, 7709 Bearden Lane, Dallas, Texas. Seventy-six came for baptism, 7 by letter, and 3 by statement. Six other conversions were reported. There were 62 reconsecrations, and 55 families dedicated their homes and agreed to establish family altars. Rev. J. M. Burrows writes of Brother Gage, "He is bold to declare the whole counsel of God, and yet he is tender and has a compassion for souls..."

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, recently closed a fine evangelistic campaign in the First Baptist Church, Essington, Pennsylvania. Sixty-five professed Christ as Saviour, and 10 dedicated their lives for active service. Rev. Thomas B. Walker writes, "We praise God for Brother Wells and for his Spirit-filled ministry. We heartily recommend him to any church that is hungry for a real moving of God." The church has begun an intensive calling campaign and Saturday night prayer meetings.

EVANGELIST JOE DAY, 313 East Irvington Street, South Bend 14, Indiana, was with the North Delaware United Brethren in Christ Church, Sherwood, Ohio, in January. Twelve conversions and 3 rededications were recorded. Among those saved was one entire family. Rev. Marion Thorp is pastor.

Gospel singer **BILL JACKSON**, 3115 Fairhaven, Salem, Oregon, was converted more than two years ago and turned from show business and light opera to singing the Gospel. Dr. Torrey M. Johnson commends our brother as a gospel baritone soloist, chorus choir director and evangelistic song leader. He says, "I had occasion to use him in a campaign recently in Woodburn, Oregon, and was very highly pleased with him in every possible way... He is already, in less than three years, one of the top gospel musicians..." We hope pastors and evangelists who need a gospel singer will contact Bill Jackson.

Brother **JOSEPH T. LARSON**,

EVANGELIST, of 4203 Alcott Street, Denver 11, Colorado, tells us that he has conducted 119 series of revivals in the last 11 years, and that in more than 100 of these series Mrs. Larson has worked with him as pianist and children's worker. This is a good team and we rejoice in God's continued blessings on their ministry.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST JOE B. RICE** conducted a revival campaign with the Braunsard Grove Baptist Church of Prairieville, Louisiana, where an old classmate, Rev. Joe Zillen, is pastor. Brother Zillen writes Dr. Bill Rice concerning the meeting:

"We have just closed one of the best revival meetings here with your brother, Joe, as the evangelist. Truly this community in the deep South has felt the power of God with Spirit-filled preaching as Joe delivered. Our people have been drawn closer to the Lord and His Word. There were 7 conversions and 4 by letter added to the membership. "I can recommend Brother Joe as a God-led, Spirit-filled man whose heart is always burdened for the souls of lost men."

Other pastors desiring information about Evangelist Joe Rice may write Evangelist Bill Rice, Director, Sword Staff of Evangelists, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Jungle Doctor Operates

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chance, and I hate to think of him dying and not knowing the way of life."

"Bwana," said James, "he knows. I've explained it all to him, and made his trouble a picture of his sin."

"Then we'll operate tomorrow."

Carefully I selected a number of instruments, and we prepared everything for the job. Next morning the theater was ready and our patient on the table. As usual, before I started the anesthetic, we prayed. I felt the lad's hand grip mine. He smiled up at me as I adjusted the ether mask, and in a minute he was under. Samson carried on with our homemade anesthetic machine while I put on my cap and mask, scrubbed up, got into a sterile gown and gloves, and went to it. The first stage was amazingly simple. The actual removal of the tumor was only a matter of two or three minutes, but it had a mass of veins and arteries in its stalk attaching it to the palate bone. The bleeding was terrifying, and worse than that, I could not stop it in the usual way with artery clamps. I applied firm pressure over the area by pressing on a swab soaked in special medicine to promote clotting. Calling on Daudi and Samson, I showed them what to

He squeezed my hand, and, though my thumb was still in place in his mouth, managed to whisper:

"Thank you, Bwana. It's gone."

"Yes, old chap," I said, "and it's gone for good. Don't try to talk. You must rest for two days, and you must still have that rubber tube for three days. Then, what a feed you will have!" He squeezed my hand again.

"Any pain?" I asked. He nodded his head.

"Sleepy?" He shook his head.

One-handed, I injected that blessed drug that brings painless sleep to the tortured.

Everything settled down in the ward. Again I could hear those drums; their throb was becoming more hectic. I thought of this lad's home life in a distant village, and the hopelessness of his outlook, and so, as I sat there, I told him of the Saviour I knew; I told him how the Son of God had come to earth, how He had lived as we live, how He had died to do away with our sins. I told of the cross and of the hours of darkness, and the tomb, and then of the resurrection, and how Jesus lived then and lives now. So intent was I on the lad that I did not notice that the old man in the next bed had pulled back his blanket and was listening.

Suddenly he said:

"Bwana, these are great words, and I understand now. Behold, that boy was dying; his *ipu* made life a misery to him. No one could remove it but you. Is it not like sin?" He pointed to a jar under the bed that contained the tumor, in formalin. "Now it's gone, Bwana, and it can harm his body no more."

You're right, exactly right; it's only Jesus who can operate on sin, and when He removes it, then life is worth living."

"Bwana," said the old man, "that's what I want. Tomorrow, let us talk more of these words."

At four o'clock Daudi arrived. "Hello, Bwana, what do your thumbs feel like?"

"They feel as big as my foot, Daudi!"

We looked at the operation area; it was settling down. I saw Daudi looking at the jar under the bed, and smiled.

"I can't help feeling that this operation will produce results, Daudi. It's a parable that everyone can see."

The dispenser nodded. "We'll see that they understand it, too, Bwana."

I left final instructions for an emergency, yawned mightily, and walked home in the brilliant moonlight. The great baobab trees threw ghostly shadows in my path. I could still hear those drums, but I knew that I had the answer to all that they meant. I knew that Jesus Christ, my Saviour, was the only one who could help these primitive people out of the fear of their superstitions and the horrors of their tribal customs. I opened the mosquito-proof doors of my house. Minutes later I was asleep.

The hemorrhage duly stopped, and for three days the lad lay quietly in bed, somehow resisting the desire to talk. On the third day, when I examined his palate, I felt it would be safe for him to eat and to talk. His enthusiasm was unbounded; he ate everything edible within reach, and talked

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2. DO NOT DEPEND ON FEELINGS. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions.
3. SEEK THE SPIRIT'S WILL THROUGH GOD'S WORD. I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.
4. NOTE PROVIDENTIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.
5. PRAY. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.
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—George Muller.

volubly to everybody about everything, only stopping when more food arrived. One could almost watch him swelling. Ten days after the operation his father returned. He came into the ward, and his son was not there.

"Where is my son?" he asked.

"Could any child recover who was so ill?" asked one of the patients, with a grin.

The father missed the grin, and set up the death howl—a blood-curdling sound. People came running from all directions to see what had happened, amongst them the "dead" son.

"Oh, my son!" moaned the father.

"Mbukwa (Good morning), father!" said the son, standing just behind him.

"Yah!" said the father, turning sharply. "Kumbe!" He grasped the boy by the shoulders, looked at his mouth, shook his head in bewilderment, and could only say:

"Kah!"

Mgulu ran into the ward, and in a moment was back with the greatly prized jar. He held it up. "Bwana did it," said the little fellow. "He took it out."

The father gazed at the ugly looking thing; he couldn't get out a word.

"Kah," said Samson. "Can he eat, now it's gone!"

"And can he talk!" I broke in. Mifupa laughed delightedly. "Have I not something to talk about?" he retorted.

The head dispenser came up. "Now," he said, "you can see that in our hospital great things can be done that no witch doctor would have dreamed of."

"This is nothing but the hand of God," said the father, finding his tongue at last.

"You have said truly," replied Daudi. "Could your son lose his *ipu* (tumor) by his own efforts?"

"Indeed, no."

"When you paid money and cows to the witch doctor, could he remove it?"

"No," came the answer, "but the Bwana knew how. He came from his own country to help us in this way."

"Yes," replied Daudi, "but did

not the Son of God come from His own country, from Heaven itself, to take away that tumor of our souls which we ourselves could never remove, the tumor called sin?"

"Father," said Mifupa. "I know all those words. I will tell you many things that I have heard when we return to our village."

Next day the father turned up with a bundle of firewood, two chickens, six arrows of his own manufacture, and a long string of cents, worth approximately eight pence.

"Bwana, this is my thanks gift to you, and how can I thank God?"

"There is only one way," I replied, "by giving yourself to Him."

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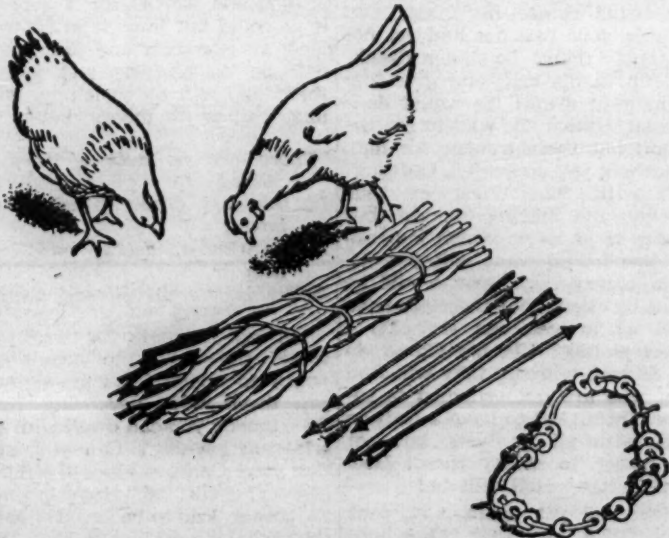
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Gifts from Mifupa's father.

Only by holding the swab in place for hours was the bleeding in Mifupa's mouth stopped.

do. With my thumb grimly pressing on his palate, we got him back to the ward, where Daudi held on till dusk. Then Samson took his turn.

At midnight, I came to the hospital to relieve. I sat there beside his bed and firmly held the swab in position. It was essential that not one drop of blood should be lost unnecessarily. It was quite easy for a quarter of an hour or so, but then my back started to ache and my fingers became cramped. I changed hands and looked around the long white-washed ward. Every patient was asleep, their heads covered completely by the blankets, African fashion. Outside—it seemed to me just outside the window—a hyena howled. I could hear the night wind sighing through the standing corn, and the ceaseless thud, thud, of a loose piece of corrugated iron on the dispensary roof. I made a mental note of this. It would mean work for the lame carpenter.

On the wind came the throbbing of a drum played miles away in a heathen village. There was something sinister and sensual about its beats. I felt my flesh creep. Anyone who didn't believe in a devil would lose his doubts if he came up against Africa as I saw it, and felt it, that night.

I looked around the ward at the row of sleepy figures. The lantern cast weird shadows on the white-washed walls; everything seemed quiet at last. I must have dozed. Suddenly and alarmingly I was wide awake, as a wild shriek split the silence. I jumped to my feet, knocked over my stool, which crashed into a kerosene tin. Kitu was sitting bolt upright in his cot, wild-eyed and gasping. The ward was strangely unconcerned, all except the old man with the itch. I passed over a sedative to Yacobo, who was one of the few to wake up. He bent across and gave it to the little fellow. With a sigh, Kitu lay back on his pillow and covered his head with the blanket. A few minutes later he was fast asleep again.

I shone the flashlight into Mifupa's mouth. There was still a little oozing. He was trying to speak to me.

"What's up, old man?" I bent over him.

The Wrath to Come!

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pluck it out and cast it from thee; for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body be cast into hell," not "thy whole soul," but "thy whole body." Man, this does not say that thy soul shall be in Hell; that is affirmed many times, but it positively declares that thy body shall. That same body which is now standing in the aisle, or sitting in the pew, if thou diest without Christ, shall burn forever in the flames of Hell. It is not a fancy of a man, but a truth that thy actual flesh and blood, and those very bones shall suffer—"Thy whole body shall be cast into Hell."

Lest that one proof shall not suffice thee, hear another out of the same gospel—chapter 10:28: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Hell will be the place for bodies, as well as souls. As I have remarked, wherever Christ speaks of Hell, and of the last state of the wicked, He always speaks of their bodies; you scarcely find Him saying anything about their souls. He says: "Where their worm dieth not," which is a figure of physical suffering—the

worm torturing forever the inmost heart, like a cancer within the very soul. He speaks of the "fire that never shall be quenched."

Hell Not Mere Metaphor

Now, do not begin telling me that that is metaphorical fire. Who cares for that? If a man were to threaten to give me a metaphorical blow on the head, I should care very little about it; he would be welcome to give me as many as he pleased. And what say the wicked? "We do not care about metaphorical fire." But they are real, sir—yes, as real as yourself. There is a real fire in Hell, as truly as you have now a real body—a fire exactly like that which we have on earth in everything except this, that it will not consume, though it will torture you.

You have seen the asbestos lying in the fire red-hot, but when you take it out it is unconsumed. So your body will be prepared by God in such a way that it will burn forever without being consumed; it will lie, not as you consider, in metaphorical fire, but in actual flame.

Did our Saviour mean fictions when He said He would cast body and soul into Hell? What should there be a pit for, if there were no bodies; why fire, why chains, if there were to be no bodies? Can fire touch the soul? Can pits shut in spirits? Can chains fetter souls? No; pits and fire and chains are for bodies, and bodies shall be there. Thou wilt sleep in the dust a little while. When thou diest, thy soul will be tormented alone—that will be a hell for it—but at the day of judgment thy body will join thy soul, and thou wilt have twin hells; body and soul shall be together, each brimful of pain, thy soul sweating in its inmost pore drops of blood, and thy body, from head to foot, suffused with agony; conscience, judgment, memory, all tortured; but more, thy head tormented with racking pains, thine eyes starting from their sockets with sights of blood and woe; thine ears tormented with

"Sullen moans and hollow groans, And shrieks of tortured ghosts."

Thine heart beating high with fever, thy pulse rattling at an enormous rate in agony; thy limbs crackling like the martyrs on the fire, and yet unburnt; thyself, put in a vessel of hot oil, pained, yet coming out undestroyed; all thy veins becoming a road for the hot feet of pain to travel on; every nerve a string on which the Devil shall ever play his diabolical tune of Hell's unutterable lament; thy soul forever and ever aching, and thy body palpitating in unison with thy soul. Fictions, Sir? Again, I say, they are no fictions, and as God liveth, but solid stern truth. If God be true, and this Bible be true, what I have said is the truth, and you will find it one day to be so.

But now I must have a little reasoning with the ungodly on one or two points. First, I will reason with such of you as are very proud of your comely bodies, and array yourselves in goodly ornaments, and make yourselves glorious in your apparel. There are some of you who have no time for prayer, but you have time enough for your toilet; you have no time for prayer meeting, but you have time enough to be brushing your hair to all eternity; you have no time to bend your knees, but plenty of time to make yourselves to look smart and grand. Ah! fine lady, thou who takest care of thy goodly-fashioned face, remember what was said by one of old when he held up the skull:—

"Tell her, though she paint herself an inch thick,
To this complexion she must come at last."

Evil in Persistent Sin

Something more than that: that fair face shall be scarred with the claws of fiends, and that fine body shall be the medium of torment. Ah! dress thyself, proud gentleman, for the worm; anoint thyself for the crawling creatures of the grave; and worse, come thou down to the pit in goodly apparel; my lord, come there, to find yourself no higher than others, except it be higher in torture, and plunged deeper in flames. Aye it ill becomes us to waste so much time upon the trifling here, when there is so much to be done and so little time for doing it in the saving of men's souls. O God, our God, deliver men from feasting and pampering their bodies when they are only fattening them for the slaughter, and feeding them to be devoured in the flames.

Again, hear me when I say to you, who are gratifying your lusts—do you know that those bodies, the lusts of which you gratify here, will be in Hell, and that you will have the same lusts in Hell that you have here? The debauchee hastes to indulge his body in what he desires—can he do that in Hell? Can he find a place where he shall gratify his lust and find indulgence for his foul desire? The drunkard here can pour down his throat the intoxicating and deadly draught; but where will he find the liquor to drink in Hell, when his drunkenness will be as hot upon him as it is here! Aye, where will he find so much as a drop of water to cool his parched tongue? The man who loves gluttony here will be a glutton there; but where will be the food to satisfy him, when he may hold his finger up and see the loaves go away from him, and the fruits refuse his grasp. Oh! to have your passions and yet not to satisfy them! To shut a drunkard up in his cell, and give him nothing to drink! He would dash himself against the wall to get the liquor, but there is none for him. What will you do in Hell, O drunkard, with that thirst in your throat, and having naught but flames to swallow, which increase thy woe? And what will you do, O rake, when still you would be seducing others, but there are none with whom you can sin? Do I speak plainly? Did not Christ do so? If men will sin, they will find men who are not ashamed to reprove them. Ah! to have a body in Hell, with all its lusts, but not the power to satisfy them! How horrible that Hell will be!

Hear me yet again. Oh! poor sinner, if I saw thee going into the inquisitor's den to be torment-

ed, would I not beg of thee to stop ere thou shouldst put thy foot upon the threshold? And now I am talking to you of things that are real. If I were standing on a stage this morning, and were acting among these things as fancies, I would make you weep, I would make the godly weep to think that so many should be damned.

But when I speak of realities, they do not move you half so much as fictions would, and yet sit just as ye did ere the service had commenced. But hear me while I again affirm God's truth; I tell thee, sinner, that those eyes that now look on lust shall look on miseries that shall vex and torment thee. Those ears which now lendest to hear the song of blasphemy shall hear moans and groans, and horrid sound, such as only the damned know. That very throat down which thou dost drink shall be filled with fire. Those very lips and arms of thine will be tortured all at once. Why, if thou hast a headache thou wilt run to a physician; but what wilt thou do when thy head, and heart, and hands, and feet, ache all at once? If thou hast but a pain in thy liver, thou wilt search out medicines to heal thee; but what wilt thou do when gout, and rehum, and vertigo, and all else that is vile attack the body at once? How wilt thou bear thyself when thou shalt be loathsome with every kind of disease, leprosy, palsied, black, rotten, thy bones aching, thy marrow quivering every limb thou hast filled with pain; thy body a temple of demons and a channel of miseries.

Christ Saves From Hell

Will ye march blindly on? As the ox goeth to the slaughter, and the sheep licketh the butcher's knife, so it is with many of you. Sir, you are living without Christ, many of you; you are self-righteous and ungodly. One of you is going out this afternoon to take his day's pleasure; another is a fornicator in secret; another can cheat his neighbor; another can now and then curse God; another comes to this chapel, but in secret he is a drunkard; another prates about godliness, and God knows he is a hypocrite.

What will ye do that day when ye stand before your Maker? It is a little thing to have your minister upbraid you now; it is a small thing to be judged of man's judgment; what will ye do when God shall thunder out, not your accusation, but your condemnation: "Depart ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"? Ah! ye sensual ones, I know I should never move you while I spoke about torments for your souls. Do I move you now? Ah! no. Many of you will go away and laugh, and call me, as I remember once being called before, "a Hell-fire parson." Well, go; but you will see the Hell-fire preacher one day in Heaven, perhaps, and you yourselves will be cast out; and looking down thence, with reproving glance, it may be that I shall remind you that you heard the Word, and listened not to it.

Ah! men, it is a light thing to hear it; it will be hard enough to bear it. You listen to me now unmoved; it will be harder work when death gets hold of you, and you lie roasting in the fire. Now you despise Christ, you will not despise Him then. Now ye can waste your sabbaths; then ye would give a thousand worlds for a sabbath if ye could but have it in Heaven. Now ye can scoff and jeer; there will be no scoffing and jeering then; you will be shrieking, howling, wailing for mercy; but—

"There are no acts of pardons passed
In the cold grave to which we haste;
But darkness, death, and long despair,
Reign in eternal silence there!"

Oh my hearers! the wrath to come! the wrath to come! the wrath to come! Who among you can dwell with devouring fire? Who among you can dwell with everlasting burning? Can you, sir? Can you? Can you abide the flame forever? "Oh, no," sayest thou; "what can I do to be saved?" Hear thou what Christ has to say: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,



"What was the purpose and the lessons God intended to teach by the transfiguration?"

The meaning of the transfiguration is explained, I think, by the preceding verse in each case where the account is given in the Gospels. For instance, in Matthew 16:28, the verse preceding the account of the transfiguration, the Lord Jesus says, "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

Then comes chapter seventeen, and immediately the account of the transfiguration.

The transfiguration, therefore, is a picture of Christ's coming in His glory, a picture of the Second Coming.

A further lesson is gotten by the words which came from Heaven when God spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." The disciples were greatly impressed with Moses and Elijah, representing the law and the prophets. But God wanted the disciples to know that Christ was greater than Moses, greater than Elijah, greater than the Bible, that He is verily the only begotten Son of God.

These meanings to the transfiguration are emphasized by the Apostle Peter, under divine inspiration, in II Peter 1:16-18, which says:

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount."

Peter and the other apostles saw Jesus in all the glory of His second coming, saw it ahead of time at the transfiguration; and thus what they wrote was not cunningly devised fables, when they spoke of the majesty of His appearing, and the glory of His second coming. And he also mentions the voice from Heaven which assured them that Christ was the very Son of God.

"Did Jesus intend the breaking of bread at the last supper to establish the communion service?"

Yes, He did intend to establish the Communion Service, the Lord's Supper, as a regular ceremony in the churches. I think that is made clear in the Scriptures in the following ways:

1. Reading the account of the pre-passover meal, and of the institution of the Lord's Supper, in Luke 22:14-20, it is noticeable that there came a regular meal first. Verse 20 says, "Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." In verse 17 above He had already passed the cup to the disciples for their supper. Then after the supper, He gave a ceremonial meal, a lasting and permanent symbol. Although following a regular meal, the Lord's Supper was a ceremonial, typical meal in which there was separate thanksgiving, separate breaking of bread, and a separate passing of the cup.

2. The Lord expressly said, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (Continued on page 7)

and thou shalt be saved." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not, shall be damned." "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool; though they be red like crimson, they shall be whiter than snow."

—The End—

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These sermons were preached by Dr. Roberson in his Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. This church has more than twelve thousand members and the Sunday School attendance approaches five thousand.

The first chapter deals with JEALOUSY, the sin that blinds. The reader will be impressed with the plain scriptural teaching of the origin of jealousy, its history and the methods of its defeat.

The second chapter discusses GOSSIP, the sin that blasts. After stating that gossip is idle chatter, foolish talk, and groundless rumor, the author gives four statements that answer the question, "What is a gossip?" In these days, in fact all days that make up history, a traducing tongue is an assassin of character and a viper that stings to death the reputation of others. It is well that we sit down and take an inventory of this member of our body and realize that if the tongue be not yielded to God as an instrument of righteousness, it will be a terribly tormenting member.

In chapter three, Dr. Roberson presents excellent thoughts on SELFISHNESS, the sin that bleeds. He shows how selfishness bleeds the work of God because it thinks not of others, but always of self. Strengthening to the believer's heart is his discussion of the blessed truth that selfishness is not incurable.

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Do Right

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stand true, let it cost what it may. Since the school was founded, when the institution has had to meet an issue of any kind, we have not asked, "What is the convenient thing to do?" We have asked, "What is the right thing to do?" The principle of right is being sacrificed on the altar of convenience in denominational schools and in pulpits that are supposed to be Christian and in a big percentage of the religious movements of our day.

Since Adam and Eve by their disobedience not only wrecked Paradise but brought spiritual death to all unborn generations, it has been easy to do wrong and hard to do right. It was not easy for God Almighty to find a way to save lost men. It cost God something to let His Son hang on a cross in agony and blood, bearing the sins of a fallen race.

The Lord Jesus Christ made it plain that anyone going with Him has to carry a cross. It is clearly taught in the Bible that people who live godly will suffer persecution, and in this world Christian people have tribulation. All down the ages man has made some kind of effort to get out from under a cross and out from under the burden and tribulation and persecution. Remember, the measure of a Christian's tribulation, persecution, and opposition in this world is—first, the measure of his uncompromising stand against that which is wrong and for that which is right, and second, the measure of his influence for the right and against the wrong in the day and generation in which he lives.

You can scarcely find today in any American pulpit a great, outstanding preacher preaching against sin. You rarely ever find a strong evangelistic voice denouncing that which is evil and call-

ing on people to do right. Fifty years ago when I was a young preacher, nearly all the Monday morning daily papers in our big cities carried a sermon (and sometimes more than one sermon) by some preacher or preachers attacking sin. You rarely ever see that kind of sermon in print any more.

To Preach the Gospel But Not Take Sides Against Wrong Is Sin

Even among the orthodox crowd, you have preachers saying, "Well, we will preach the Gospel and just let that do the work." Well, the Gospel is in the Bible. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. All Christians are supposed to know the Gospel and give the Gospel to people. But that is not all, we are told to do in the Word of God. We are told to stand for something. It is made plain to us that we are either for the Lord Jesus Christ or we are against the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible makes it plain that the friendship of the world is enmity with God. The trouble in America today is that religious people have sacrificed the principle of right on the altar of a temporary convenience.

Now, young people, remember that whatever problem you have to meet in life, you can know how to meet it and can meet it if you sincerely wish to know what is right and are determined in your heart by the grace of God to do what is right regardless of the consequences. These two little words, DO RIGHT, ought to be put over every pulpit in America because these modernistic preachers are not doing right, and these preachers who are supposed to be orthodox who are not courageous enough to denounce religious liberalism in America even in their own denomination are not doing right, and the compromising orthodox Christian laymen who are supporting any program they know is modernistic are not doing right. They are doing wrong, and the Bible makes it plain they are doing wrong.

No sinner could ever do wrong and get away with it, and God will not even let one of His born-again children do wrong and get away with it. The compromising Bible-believing preachers are not getting away with what they are doing. They are sacrificing principle on the altar of compromise. Every man in the Bible who did that suffered the consequences. Lot did it, and other Bible characters did the same thing, and they all suffered the consequences. They hurt their testimony and did harm to their constituency and often to their own families.

No Christian Should Support Any Denominational Program That Includes Some Modernism

Practically everywhere I go I have some good, orthodox Christians come up to me and say: "My pastor believes the Bible, and he preaches the Gospel. He, however, urges us to support our church program, and I know we have some schools that we are supporting that are modernistic, and I know there are some other causes in our denomination that are not in line with our Bible doctrines, and yet we are going ahead and supporting these things. I do not want to get out of my church. I believe the doctrines of my church, and my pastor preaches the doctrines. What am I going to do?"

My answer always is this: "Do right. Start in right now. Tell your pastor and if needs be the board of your church, and if necessary tell the whole church, that you are not going to support anything in your own denomination that you even think might be contrary to the Gospel the pastor preaches and the fundamental doctrines of the Bible upon which your church is supposed to be built. Now, just take your stand and stand there if the stars fall. If taking that kind of stand puts you out of the church, let them throw you out. It is wrong to do wrong to stay in a church."

Remember, it is never right to do wrong. It is not right to do

wrong to get a chance to do right. It is not right for a preacher to support a modernistic program to get an opportunity to preach the Gospel of God's saving grace. God tells us to preach the Gospel, but He also tells us in plain words that if we bid Godspeed to anybody who does not accept the doctrine of Christ, we are lining up with the Anti-christ and are a partaker of the evil deeds of an anti-christ. Yet you have preachers all over this country who say: "Oh, yes, we are orthodox. We believe the Bible." And Sunday after Sunday they take a collection for a program and urge their people to support this program when if they have any sense at all, they know they are supporting something in the program contrary to the Gospel, and at the same time they claim to believe and love the Gospel they preach.

A Modernist Does Not Compromise to Cooperate But We Do

Some time ago a liberal preacher wrote to me: "Dr. Bob, we liberals like you. We think you and your son, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., are doing a great deal of good. But we think we are doing good, too. Why don't you be friends with us? We are friends to you."

I wrote him: "You say you think we are doing good, so you can be friendly to us and want to work with us. I think you are doing harm; and if I went along with you, I would be violating the clear teaching of the Word of God; and I would be doing wrong. According to what you say, you do not have to compromise to stand with us, but we would have to compromise to go along with you, and we are not going to compromise. We will go along with you as an American and stand for religious liberty; but when we have to violate a principle of right to go with you, we will not do it: we are going to do right. We are not going to compromise."

The modernists do not have to compromise when they go into evangelistic campaigns and co-operate with their "orthodox brethren" in sponsoring "religious revivals," because they do not think it matters so much what a person believes. It is the orthodox crowd that compromises, and they are doing wrong and are trying to defend it, and they have no defense. The Bible is clear about that.

Now, young people, I have been preaching for a long time. I have made many mistakes. I never held myself up as "the pink of perfection." I am very human. I have Irish blood in me. I have a tempestuous temperament. So I do not think I am "super perfect." But as God is my Judge, I have tried through the years, as a preacher of the Gospel, to face every issue in just one way, and this is the way: What is the right thing to do? What does the Bible say about it? I am not to judge it by appearance. A thing may seem to be good that is bad. What is the right thing? I settle every problem in my life on that basis. I have had to make some enemies. I have had to produce friction because you can't move down the right road and not produce friction. But as the years have piled up and I begin to count up the very few years I may have ahead of me, I have a peace in my heart. I love everybody. I love my enemies. But I love Jesus Christ too much to sell Him down the river or sacrifice the principle of the Gospel on the altar of any human convenience.

Joined Methodist Church When Methodists Believed the Bible

Now I am going to tell you something about my experience and the tests I have had to meet, and you won't find anybody who has had a much harder time to stand than I have had. I was converted at a Methodist altar when I was just eleven years old. I did not know much. I had read the Bible, and my father had family prayer. I knew that Jesus had died for me and I could not save myself; and I knew if I was going to be a Christian, I had to take the Christian side of an issue. We were told that we must count the cost and if we were willing to go ahead and trust Jesus Christ and take our stand with Him and take on His

Stop Government Squandering

Federal taxation is approaching the confiscatory stage. Because of this I have joined with other members in organized efforts to cut down Federal spending and to reduce budget requests.

For my part I have for some years been trying to get the rest of the world off the backs of the American taxpayers, and I hope that this year the foreign spending program will be cut, not just a token cut, but real and substantial reductions, enough to bring relief to American taxpayers.

Sometimes the best way to stop extravagance is to cut off the money for the spenders, and I think that tax reductions in some of the tax bills will have a deterring effect on those who are planning the spending of taxpayer's money.

A DRASTIC REMEDY NEEDED

In my opinion, the disease calls for a drastic remedy. Since it is evident that the spenders in the Government are not going to voluntarily reduce that spending, Congress ought to cut off the money and apply pressure in that way to force cuts in spending.

It is not true that rigid economy is being practiced throughout our Government. On the contrary, instance after instance of wasteful spending, of complete disregard of the taxpayers' burdens, and of inexcusable extravagance, have been disclosed.

It is the duty of this Congress to appropriate only such funds as are needed to carry on the legitimate and necessary functions of government.

—Rep. James C. Davis (Ga.).

Questions Answered

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for you" (Luke 22:20). The disciples would naturally understand, at this passover season, that the Passover was an old testament, or covenant, picturing the death of Christ. For 1,500 years Jews had been eating a lamb without blemish, roasted with fire, with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. They remembered the blood on the doorposts; and everything about the passover supper pictured the Lord Jesus. But now Jesus says instead of that old covenant, or testament, He is giving them a new witness, a new symbol, a new covenant picturing His death on the cross. So instead of the passover supper of the Jews, since the death of Christ New Testament Christians have the Lord's Supper. It is simply a memorial, showing forth the Lord's death. The passover supper did not save, and so this Lord's Supper, or Communion Supper, does not save. It is a memorial, a way of preaching the Gospel.

3. A third proof, and one that cannot be disputed, that the Lord Jesus intended the Lord's Supper, or Communion, as a frequent part of Christian worship down through the ages, is that the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to give particular instruction concerning it. In First Corinthians 11, verses 17 to 34, the Lord, through Paul, gives specific instructions on how to eat the Lord's Supper, saying particularly, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (verse 26). The Epistles in the New Testament are exactly as inspired as the Gospel, all of them the very Word of God. We know that the Lord Jesus, who had Paul write that discussion and description concerning the Lord's Supper, was Himself the Author of the ceremony.

4. The fourth, an unassailable evidence that Jesus intended to establish the Communion Service for New Testament churches, is that that is the way all of the apostles understood it, and they set out from the very first to fo-

enemies, He would give us grace to do what He wanted us to do. I knew just a few little fundamental things.

My mother was a Baptist, but

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low this teaching of Jesus. Nobody can dispute that the Lord's Supper, or the Communion Service, has been a part of worship since the very days of Pentecost and that the custom was established under the direction of the Spirit-filled and Christ-taught apostles.

I thank you for your letter and your questions, and I pray that God will give you many blessings through the study of His Word. I covet your prayers.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

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Do Right

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there was not any Baptist church in the immediate community. Back in those days, out in the country, if you asked a Methodist if he had been baptized, he would probably say, "I have been sprinkled, but I haven't been baptized." Since my mother was a Baptist, she believed that immersion was baptism. I told the Methodist preacher I wanted to be immersed, and he said, "That is fine. I was immersed, too." So I was baptized in a country creek.

When I was taken into the Methodist Church, they asked me a question about what I believed; and I was told what the Methodist Church believed. The Methodist Church believed the Bible. It believed in the virgin birth, the incarnation, the vicarious blood atonement, the bodily resurrection, and all the fundamentals that all orthodox Christians believe. All of these fundamentals are incorporated in the Apostles Creed. The Methodist ritual had my answer written down, and I had to answer that way. Here is the answer: "All this I steadfastly believe." After this question was asked, they asked me if I would be subject to the discipline of the Church, attend upon its ordinances, and support its institutions; and I said I would. Now, I joined the Church with the definite understanding the Church believed certain things, and I believed those things, and I agreed to support this Church because the Church did believe these things.

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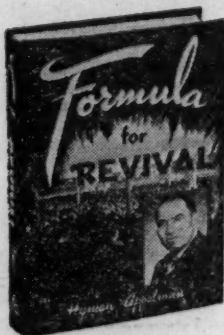
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liberals will generally go along with you while you preach the Gospel if you will not reprove them publicly and if you will support what they want you to support while you preach the Gospel.

Leaving a Modernist Methodist Church for Conscience' Sake

I got along pretty well for a few years following that method. Then one day the pastor of the church where I held my membership brought a modernist into his pulpit. One Sunday I was not able to go to church; and Bob, Jr., came home from the service and said, "Well, Dad, I had to take a stand today." He said, "The pastor had in his pulpit Dr. So-and-so. You know I majored in the university in Hebrew History for my master's degree, and I had to study pretty carefully the Old Testament in connection with the course, and I think I know something about the Old Testament. This modernist today in the pulpit trampled on the inspiration and historical facts of the Old Testament as no other man I have ever known. At the close of the service, I asked the pastor if he brought this man to his church knowing what he stood for, and he said, 'Yes.'

So Bob and I took our membership out of the church. I was what you call an ordained local Methodist preacher. I kept my church letter for a while, wondering where to put it and continue to be consistent. One day I was notified by the pastor that, according to the laws of the Church, I had to keep my membership in the church in the community where I lived or I would lose my credentials.

Now remember, I would lose my credentials if I kept my ordination vows. I had taken an ordination vow to drive away strange and erroneous doctrines, and yet the denomination that required me to take that vow passed a law that I had to hold membership in a local Methodist Church (where the pastor had taken the same ordination vow I had taken) and for me to put my membership in that Church and lend my influence to that pastor and his pulpit would be violating my ordination vow to drive away strange and erroneous doctrines contrary to the doctrines of the Methodist Church. So I simply said, "I have got to be consistent. I have got to do right. I believe the fundamental doctrines I had to declare I believed when I joined the Methodist Church. I believe that I ought to keep my ordination vows, and I believe in being true to my word. I can't preach one thing and support something else. I can't preach certain doctrines and support something contrary to those doctrines;" so I surrendered my credentials and took care of my ordination in another way.

I have many friends who are Methodist preachers and a great many friends who are Methodist laymen. Some of them are grieved about what they should do. It was not hard for me to know what to do. I had to do right. I had to surrender my credentials or lend my influence to that which is opposed to what I said I believed and which I promised to drive away.

It is sometimes hard to do what a fellow ought to do. So I am telling you young people here—just make up your mind when you face a problem to do the right thing. Now, you do not have to be crazy or be eccentric or go off on a tangent or act a fool. If you positively know what is the right thing to do, you do not have to ask anybody. If you do not know what is the right thing to do, get down your Bible, read it, and pray over the matter, and then if necessary, ask somebody who does know and who has stood for the right (not somebody that has compromised) and get advice from him.

Remember now, if you want to do what is right, you can always find a way to do it.

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most all of the great denominations today are ecclesiastically supporting things that the well-taught orthodox Christians know are wrong, and every last one of them that is doing it is sacrificing that which is right on the altar of that which is convenient. Because of the connectional system in the Methodist Church, influences may spread more rapidly than in denominations where the church is supposed to have local self-government; but in this day and time, Bible-believing Baptists, Presbyterians and others are supporting causes contrary to their doctrines. Twenty-five years ago I felt that the Southern Baptist denomination could save us, but the Southern Baptist denomination today is going just like the rest of them.

Many of my friends in the north say to me: "The Southern Baptists want to get up into this country. What about them? They say they are orthodox." Orthodox Baptist preachers in this country are supporting and urging their people to support certain things that they know are contrary to what they believe. They say, "Let's go along and support them. Let's not wash dirty linen in public." I have never known preachers who talked about not washing dirty linen in public that ever washed dirty linen anywhere. The only way you can wash dirty ecclesiastical linen is to wash it in public and by so doing let the public know that the denomination stands for clean orthodox linen. So don't any of you Methodists think that I am just talking about you. I am talking about how the Lord Jesus Christ is being sold down the river and how the fundamental doctrines all orthodox Christians have believed through the years are being trampled under foot.

We are not telling you students, especially you young preachers, to get out of your denomination if you believe the doctrine of your denomination and those doctrines cover the fundamentals of the faith, but we are telling you: don't do wrong even if they throw you out of the church. The hour has struck in this country when we have to have an army of men and women who will stop doing the convenient thing and go to doing the right thing.

Decide to DO RIGHT at Any Cost and You Can Live a Victorious Life

Maybe some of you young men are in love with a girl who is not a Christian, and maybe some of you girls are in love with a boy who isn't a Christian. Now, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to do what God told you to do and not marry that sinner, or are you going to do what you feel inclined to do and marry the sinner? It is so

easy to try to sell yourself on what you want to do. You know the Bible says that a doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways. A fellow wants to do right, but he has a temptation to do wrong, and he just staggers from one side of the road to the other.

If you will just make up your mind that you are going to settle every question just on one principle, and that is the principle of right, you have got the victory already. Whenever you begin to debate whether you are going to do the convenient thing or the right thing, you will wind up doing the convenient thing. There has never been in my lifetime as much religious compromise as now. "Well, suppose I can't make up my mind?" Well, if you wonder if a thing is right, give God the benefit of the doubt. Don't give the Devil the benefit of the doubt. If you do something and wonder if you should not do it, you should not do it; and if you do something you should not do, you are doing wrong.

A man one morning was standing at a window with his collar in his hand. His wife said, "Breakfast is ready. Come on."

He said, "All right. Just a minute. I am just trying to see if this collar is dirty."

His wife said, "If it is doubtful, it is dirty."

If you do something and wonder if it is right while you are doing it, you are doing something wrong. You never ask if snow on a mountain peak is white. If you have to ask if snow is white, it is not white.

Now, if all of you people in this auditorium today would just make up your minds that these two little words, DO RIGHT, are going to dominate your life, you have already prepared yourself for the problems you are going to meet. DO RIGHT. Do right if all the guns mounted on Hell's battlements are turned on you. Do right if the stars fall out of their silver sockets. Do right if you have to die. It is better to die for the right than to live for the wrong. If all the Bible-believing preachers left in America would just start in and preach for six months along this line and would come out against sin like they ought to do and stand for the Word of God like they are supposed to do, we might be able to hold back the awful tide of destructive influence that is sweeping over our land.

(We rejoice in this great message by Dr. Jones and trust that it will profoundly affect the readers and encourage all to do right in time of temptation. The greatest temptations are spiritual temptations. To do right when it means misunderstanding or parting with loved brethren or reproach or persecution takes Christian grace, but every Christian ought to do right though the stars fall. The editor has supplied the subheads for convenience in reading.)

The Lord Our Righteousness

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it is also the picture of a restoration of all things good for Christians and others.

1. Israel to Be Restored to Palestine and God's Favor

Notice first the promise of Israel's restoration. This is a wonderful thing. God has promised to restore Israel. And in this case, God did not say, "I am going to bring a remnant back from Babylon." Though He did that, that is not the point. This is not just the time God sent Moses, and sent the plagues, and all the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea dryshod, and God fed them manna in the wilderness, and brought them into their own land. But He said, "This will be the time when everybody will say, 'Oh, the Lord sent His angels and gathered out Israel from every nation under Heaven where God had carried them.'" From all countries! That means from slave labor camps in Siberia. That means from wherever they work everywhere. Whether there is a Jew in a bank, or whether there is a Jew in a drygoods store having a fire sale, or whether there is a Jew who runs a junk yard, God will gather every Jew alive in the world back to Palestine, and after the rebels are purged out, they will be converted. Here is a wonderful, wonderful promise.

There are many promises about this in the Bible.

God had said, in Genesis 13:14, 15, 'Abraham, look north, east, south, and west, for all the land that thou seest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed forever.' God said, 'I am going to give you this land.' So God is going to give the land to Abraham and to his seed. And in the book of Galatians we learn that seed is singular, not plural. Not many seeds, but one seed—Christ. So in Christ's own return God will give the land to Abraham and to Jesus Christ as well as to Jews and Gentiles who love the Lord Jesus Christ. That promise is so often told.

Again God gave the promise to David. "David, the Lord also telleth thee that He will make thee an house." He said, "Your seed after you will inherit the kingdom and he will build the temple, the house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. And his throne shall be established forever." (See II Samuel 7:10-17, I Chronicles 17:10-15). One day the throne of David will be established forever, and David's seed will sit on that throne again.

Do you remember the promises given in Deuteronomy, chapter 30, to the nation Israel? The Scripture says:

"And it shall come to pass, when

all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee, And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return," [the Lord will return! That is the personal, literal return of Jesus Christ.] "and gather thee from all nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee."

(Notice how complete is that regathering. If there be one single Jew left alive anywhere in the world, God will bring him back. That is not a little partial re-

storation like a handful of Jews now, unconverted Jews back in Palestine. They don't even have control of all of Jerusalem, now—about two counties or three of Jews in a little part of Palestine now. That is not the restoration God is talking about.)

"And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live."—Deut. 30:1-6.

How many times that promise is given! That promise was given to Mary by the angel when Jesus was to come, and the Virgin Mary was told that she should conceive a child and that He should be called the Son of the Highest, then the Angel Gabriel told Mary, "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever" (Luke 1:32, 33). I don't wonder then, that when Jesus rode into Jerusalem upon a

colt, the foal of an ass, they said, "Hosanna to the son of David." One of these days He is coming on a white horse, crowned with many crowns, with the armies of Heaven following Him. And Jesus will restore the Jews.

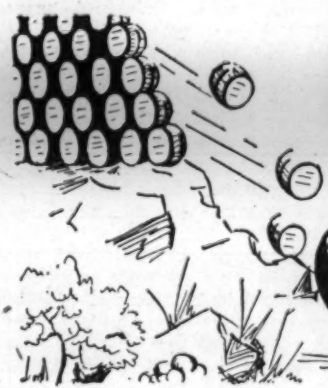
That promise that He will restore Israel is given also in the words of the Saviour Himself in Matthew 24, beginning with verse 29. Notice carefully how this is dated in God's plan: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days": [When is this coming now? After the tribulation. After the rapture. After the tribulation. After the Antichrist has reigned on earth. Then what?] "shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Not for the rapture. Then we will be caught up in the air in a moment to meet the Lord as the lightning flashes from the

east to the west. And we will be gone for a honeymoon in Heaven. Not that. But after that. After the tribulation, after the Antichrist—now Jesus comes back to reign. "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect [Who are the chosen people? Who is the specially elected nation? Israel.] from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matt. 24:31).

You see, then, that Israel's restoration is promised through all the Bible. No one has a right to wave it aside.

But let us get one more word from Paul the apostle. Paul writes, "... Hath God cast away his people? God forbid... God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew..." (Rom. 11:1, 2). "No," he said, "a Jew has much to gain every way because God used the Jew to bring the Bible, and from the Jews Christ came. And then he said, 'There is coming a time when the blindness which has happened to Israel shall be done away, until the fulness

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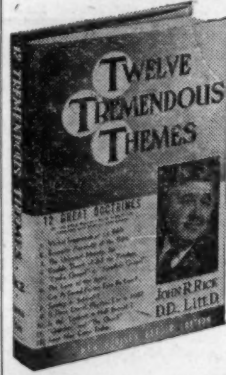
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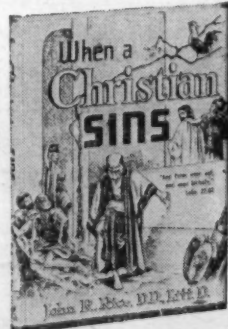
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of the Gentiles be come in." Then God is going to graft that broken branch of the tame olive tree back into the tree again. And the Scripture says, "... so all Israel shall be saved ..." (Rom. 11:26). So one of these blessed days God will regather His people, the Jews, and purge out the rebels, and all the unconverted will be saved, and the Lord Jesus Christ will sit on the throne of David, His father.

Jesus had two "fathers," in Bible language. On His mother's side, His ancestor was David. On the divine side, His ancestor was God. He is the Son of God, Son of David. And He will come to reign on David's throne.

In Matthew 25:31, the Scripture says, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." Jesus is coming to reign and to regather the Jews.

Now what is going to be involved in this great restoration? What will be regathered? The Jewish people, for one thing. God who seems to have cast away the Jews, God who has judged the Jews—oh, how they have been judged and punished. But God says He will regather them and comfort them as one whom his mother comforteth. God has told us that He will restore the Jews. It is the nation that He let be scattered into Babylonian captivity, and then He brought back a remnant with Nehemiah and Ezra; the nation of the Jews that were dispersed into all the world in A. D. 70 when Titus, the Roman emperor, destroyed Jerusalem; the Jews, so persecuted that 6 million of them were killed by Hitler in World War II. (Out of 15 million Jews in the world, forty per cent of them were killed by Hitler and the German armies.) But now, thank God, God will restore the nation Israel to favor, and the spiritual blindness will be done away, and they will see their Messiah. The Lord says that in Jerusalem when the Jews are brought back there will be opened in that day a fountain for sin and uncleanness. And they will look on Him whom they pierced and they will say, "What are these wounds in thy hands?" And He will say, "I was wounded in the house of my friends." The Jews then will

mourn, every family apart, as they repent of their sins, and a nation shall be born in a day. A wonderful time!

So Jews will be themselves restored to favor as a nation.

Another thing involved is the land, the land of Palestine, that little rocky land that has been the battlefield of the nations, that little connecting link between Europe and Asia and Africa, across which the armies of Babylon and Media-Persia, and Rome, and before that the armies of Egypt, and now since that, the armies of two world wars, and not only that, but across that same peninsula, across those same mountains and rivers and wonders, one day will come again the battles of the kings of the east and then the Battle of Armageddon. The battleground of the world is Palestine in some sense. But, thank God, the land is promised as the chosen land of God. God said about Jerusalem, "I have placed my name there perpetually." And God said, "Abraham, walk through this land of Canaan. I have given it to you for an everlasting possession." One day, thank God, that land will be restored to favor. It is a dry land now, and the trees are mostly gone. They are replanting some trees in Israel and planting orange groves, and they are digging some oil wells, and they are trying to restore its economy, though it is largely kept up by gifts from Jews in America. But one time, bless God, the sandy desert will be no more. The cedars in Lebanon will grow again, the giant trees it once had, and the grapes of Eshcol and the pomegranates and the olive yards and the vineyards will make it a land flowing with milk and honey again in the favor of God. God will restore the land and the people to the land.

Not only so, but the people of Israel will be brought back and converted, the Scripture says. They will be turned in heart and then they will be circumcised in heart, in the hearts of their seed, to love the Lord their God. And He said, "I will take out the stony heart and put a heart of flesh within you and you will serve God."

Another thing restored there

will be the kingdom of David. There was the throne. A man after God's own heart sat on it. The sweet singer of Israel who wrote the twenty-third Psalm, the thirty-seventh, the thirty-fourth, the hundred and third—the sweet singer, David, had built the throne. And God loved it. One day God will put a Son of David on that throne; a branch will grow out of his root, a branch of David. This sprout comes off of the old stump where the tree is cut down and the Davidic dynasty cut off from remembrance, a sprout comes up and the tree grows again and the kingdom of David is re-established with Jesus Christ sitting on the throne. All this is involved in the restoration that is coming to Israel.

2. The Good Things Lost Will Be Restored for God's Children

Now then, the lost will be restored! Oh, that is a wonderful theme, and that takes in all of us and we can together thank God for it, that the lost will be restored. First of all, Israel will be restored to favor and that is wonderful. Wouldn't it be a sad thing for all the saints of God who have read about David and Abraham and Elijah and all the saints of God, read about Moses (the Ten Commandments came through the Jews)—wouldn't it be a pitiful thing if we had a Heaven with no Jews in it? Jerusalem! Why, even Heaven is named after Jerusalem. It is called the New Jerusalem. A Heaven and no Jewish nation and psalms, and prophets and traditions and teachings? Thank God, Israel is restored, that which was a castaway. Israel is like a wife who played the harlot and ran after other men, and God said, "But I have loved you and I will take you back again." A wife restored to favor—that is Israel. That will be wonderful, won't it?

But that isn't all. The ground will be restored to Israel and that will be wonderful. You know, this ground brings forth thorns and thistles. If anybody here ever worked at growing crops, ever lived on a farm, ever worked in a vineyard, you will know there is a need for this. You cannot enjoy a yard for the mosquitoes that come to bite and torment you. You cannot have a lawn but what you have to dig out the dandelions. You cannot have a garden without having chickens scratch it up,

or rabbits or squirrels eat off the tops of the vegetables. You have rust if it is wheat, or the smut, or crow poison if it is corn, or you have this or that or the other. Or you have drought and thorns, pests and disease. You have to spray your apple trees or the worms will get them. There is a curse on the earth. All the storms, all the hurricanes, and the briars! You cannot have a rose without thorns, or a beautiful animal but it is afraid of mankind.

There is an enmity between man and nature. There is an enmity between man and the sea, between man and the ground. God said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake ... Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee ..." (Gen. 3:17, 18). But, blessed be God, that which was lost will be restored. We are going to have a new Garden of Eden. One of these days the desert shall blossom as a rose and bring forth abundantly, and in the deserts shall springs of water spring up. It will be a good thing, bless God, with no more desert; a good thing, bless God, with no more drought; a good thing, with no more fields taken over by Russian thistle; a good thing when the pests will be no more. You won't have to spray to kill disease germs and to kill bugs and worms. We have elm trees in our yards here in Wheaton and in Glen Ellyn, and if we didn't go together and spray them out, the fungus would take over our trees, and they would soon die with Dutch elm disease. A few years ago all the chestnut trees died in America. Now you cannot find a native chestnut tree anywhere in this country. All over America they have been killed by a plague that we couldn't stop. But, bless God, one of these days chestnut trees will grow again. One of these blessed days the curse on the ground will be removed. One of these days every seed you plant will grow like Jack-and-the-bean-stalk's beans did! It will even be better than Perry's Seed Catalog pictures it! (Now you city slickers don't know about that. If you never did get a seed catalog down in the spring-time and think about what you would plant—Early Breakfast radishes, they called them; and Country Gentleman sweet corn; and Beefsteak tomatoes; then you

don't know about that.) But one day the frustration of having the ground accursed and the plant life accursed and every animal an enemy, and all the unseen insect world and microbe world at enmity with mankind and set to kill, will be done away with.

And that means also the curse on animals will be taken away. Animals will be restored. The lion shall eat straw like an ox. The lion and the lamb shall lie down together and a little child shall play on the cockatrice's den. "And they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea," says the Scripture (Isa. 11:9). There will be a restored Garden of Eden.

It was too bad the day that God had to send an angel with a flaming sword and say, "Adam, you've sinned. Eve, you've sinned. I have to drive you out, for you would eat of the tree of life and live forever in sin, live forever away from God, and go on your bold way in sin." So with a flaming sword the angel of God drove them out and barred the gates of Eden. The Garden of Eden grew up in brush and weeds, I suppose, and God removed it from the earth. One day there will be a paradise of God again and the birds will sing sweetly, the mosquitoes won't bite. There will be no thorns on the roses, no plague and curse on the earth. Then what about the animals? Thank God, in that sweet time, with land restored, animals will be the friends of men and the favored companions of men. We will have this new earth God is going to make. God will restore Israel, and God will restore the ground, and God will restore the balance of a perfect creation one of these days.

3. Our Bodies Will Be Restored to Youth and Health

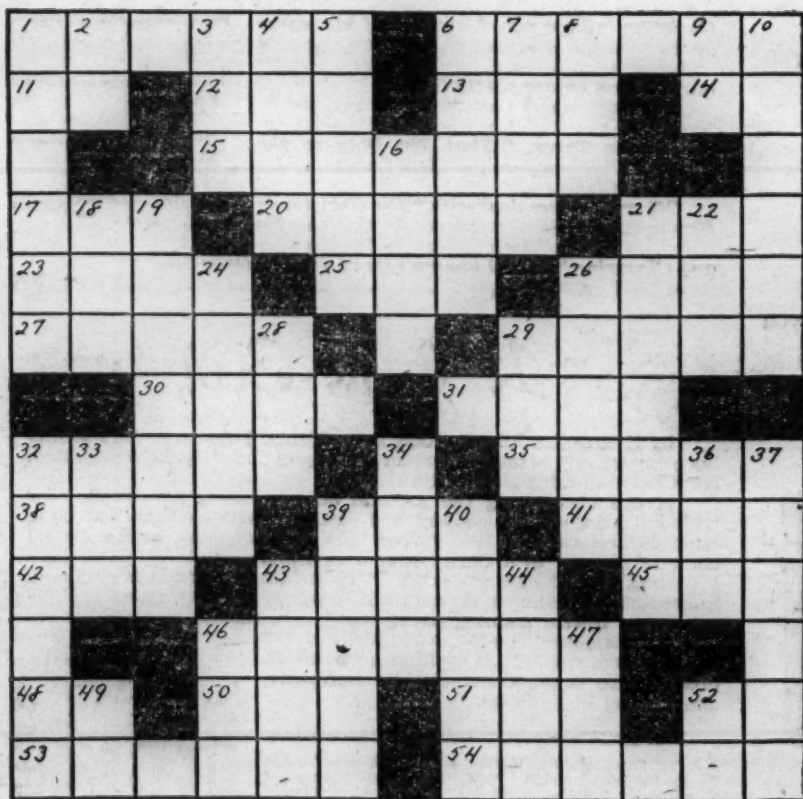
And that isn't all! God will restore our bodies.

I am not just saying this is a simile. I am not just drawing some illustrations. I mean that I have a part! Praise God, when God brings back the Jews ... Don't you remember He said in Ephesians that God has broken down

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"MY HEART ... REJOICETH"

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"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him" (Ps. 28:7). What a great joy it is to praise the Lord with our songs! I know that each one of you will want a copy of *Sword Revival Songs*, your prize for this month. REMEMBER, it takes FIVE cards for this one.

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Clews Across

1. A desert encampment of the Israelites (Num. 33:21)
6. Jacob's wife, mother of Joseph and Benjamin
11. One of Jesus' ancestors, son of Jose (Luke 3, in genealogy of Mary)
12. High priest who had two ungodly sons
13. Fuss
14. 501 (Roman numerals)
15. He entertained three angels.
17. Son of Nahor, Abram's brother
20. Wife of Abraham
21. Requite
23. A well in the valley of Gerah dug by Isaac's servants (Gen. 26)
25. Common mass
26. Term of contempt meaning "vain," "empty"
27. Father of King Jeroboam I (I Kings 11)
29. Plate on which consecrated bread is passed in the communion p-----
30. One
31. Stroke with a whip
32. Place in Palestine where Asher allowed the inhabitants to remain (Judg. 1:31)
35. Town in Lycaonia where Paul and Barnabas fled from persecution
38. Sea mile (abbr.)
39. Abram's nephew
41. Without delay
42. Of the same nation or family
43. Place near Jerusalem, mentioned in history (Judg. 4:5) and prophecy (Jer. 31:15)
45. Rested
46. Wife of Isaac; mother of Esau and Jacob
48. Ancestor of Jesus
50. Cloth made in Arabia of camel's hair
51. High priest, Samuel's teacher
52. City in Moab (Num. 21)
53. Sailor
54. Continued attempts to gain possession

Clews Down

1. Son of Jacob and Leah
2. A Benjamite, same as Iri
3. Body of water
4. Priest's garments
5. A king of Tyre
6. An epithet of Egypt; and a woman of Jericho, a harlot

7. Mother of Jabel, a tent-dweller and raiser of cattle
8. Comma (abbr.)
9. Edition (abbr.)
10. Inhabitant of a country west of Egypt
16. Son of Gad (Num. 26:17)
18. Employ
19. Son of Jacob Z-----
21. Upper Egypt (Jer. 44)
22. One who excels at anything
24. Wall of a tent (India) k-----t
26. Scrapes with something sharp r a-----
28. Tiberius (abbr.)
29. Cushion
32. Joints between the feet and the legs
33. A mountain near Bethel and ----- where Abram builded an altar unto the Lord (Gen. 12:8)
34. Abode
36. Serpent
37. Comes in
39. He gave two daughters for wives to Jacob
40. Gains possession of
43. A Midianite King (Num. 31:8)
44. Boundary town of Asher (Josh. 19:25)
46. Abraham saw it in a thicket and used it for a sacrifice
47. Hurry
49. Regarding (abbr.)
52. Of age (Latin abbr.)

Answer to Puzzle Number 8

VIII

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The Lord Our Righteousness

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the middle wall of partition and made both one. We were strangers and foreigners but now we are made nigh by the blood of Jesus Christ. And I am as good a Jew then as David. I am just as good a Jew as the twelve apostles. I may not be as good a man but I am as good a Jew because I am circumcised in heart, and the seed of Abraham by faith, and so God takes me and the middle wall is all taken down. When Jesus died on the cross and the earthquake came and the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom . . . Yonder were two courts. Between the court of the Levites and the court of the Gentiles there was a stone wall. And the veil of the temple was torn from the top to the bottom and ripped open so that there was no more barrier between man and God. Anybody who will can walk into the very Holy of Holies to face God—nothing between! And that same day, the middle wall of partition between the court of the Gentiles and the court of the Levites was broken down, and Gentiles may not only go into the temple court, but into the place of the Levites and priests. We are free! Thank God, the middle wall of partition is broken down and so we can come boldly to the throne of grace.

So we are going to have resurrection bodies, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

I feel this, I guess, a good deal more than others. I'll have to make a confession. I never expected to grow old. Even yet if I were very sensible I would probably look around on other men sixty years old, and I would say, "Well, some of these days after I get about eighty, I will be like these other men sixty years old." But I

don't really believe it. I guess God will make me know it some day. I still don't see any reason why I shouldn't ride horseback, or why I shouldn't play tennis, or why I shouldn't run, or play baseball, or do work. If I get down to Bill's for the work week and somebody needs to lift 600 pounds and put up big beams in the roof, I won't see why I'm not to do it. But all the time I find that I go up the stairs a little slower than I used to, and that if I jump around too much my knees are a little stiffer than they used to be, and I some way feel, "How sad, how sad that this body is getting stiff," because I had such a strong body, so active and strong and vigorous. But one day I will have my youth again. One day "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, and the lame man shall leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing." So that which is gone will be restored. Won't that be good! Anybody here getting blind? Well, you will see well one of these days! I just want to see Bob Main prancing around then on both legs. I want to see him that time, bless God, when the youth is restored and when that which we've lost (sometimes through no fault of ours, sometimes through the ravages of the years) will be restored.

There is a little poem once popular; it is a little old-fashioned now, which says:

*Backward, turn backward, O
Time, in your flight,
And make me a child again just
for tonight.*

That never comes now. But one day it will come, and youth will be restored, and lost vision, the lost enthusiasm, lost appetite, and lost capacity to eat—you can run all night and never want to go to bed—bless God, that will be restored. The lost things will be restored when Israel is restored. Won't that be a good thing? Amen! That time will come.

Not only will our bodies be restored and our natures perfected, but oh the sin question! We have lost so much.

I was raised in rather a protected way. It is surprising considering that I lived in the wild West Texas country and I had no mother, but I was a preacher's boy. I was converted when I was nine years old. I am shocked and surprised to find all the time that youngsters in their early teens know more about the things of the world than I did. They know more about sex than I knew when I was married. I look back on those days and my face was the face of a youngster, of a youth. And when I was a preacher, my wife used to say, "Better not shave

today. They think you are so young." I used to get out and rustle up some old run-down church and have revival services and get people revived and get people saved, and have a wonderful time. Then they would say, "We ought to buckle down and get to business. We ought to call a pastor." Some of the young people would say, "Let's call Brother Rice."

They would say, "No, he's too young. We need an older man for a pastor." So they would call somebody else as pastor and I would go pull another old run-down place together and they would call some older man, someone more mature. But oh, bless God for the glory of youth! It will be restored one day.

And if anybody thinks that I have a good deal of push and get-up, you ought to have seen me back thirty years ago. Miss Viola thinks I work her pretty hard now till six o'clock in the evening when other people work till five, but she and Miss Fairy and Miss Lola would tell you that it used to be till one o'clock in the morning a good many times in the old days. I am just saying that one day the drive and enthusiasm and innocence and freshness and dew of youth will be restored again!

4. Innocence Will Be Restored to God's People

You know, sin is a terrible thing. And I suppose everybody who ever sinned—oh, we think of what might have been.

*Of all sad words of tongue and pen,
The saddest are these: "It might
have been."*

Oh, it might have been! And men look back on wasted youth and wish they had it to live over again.

I remember a drunkard who knelt with me in the Capital Hotel in Amarillo, Texas, and prayed. He had tried to commit suicide. His wife had already left him because of his sin. He was a wastrel, a drunken wretch, profligate with his money and in his life! He knelt down to pray and he said, "O God, make me a good boy like my mamma wanted me to be!" He was sad because his goodness and the freshness of youth was gone. "Oh, I've made such a mistake. I wish I had it to do over," he thought. Well, bless God, one day God will restore it.

Isn't it a wonderful thing that God can undo the past and make it clean again?

A man lay on the hospital bed who had wasted his life in sin. Now his body was broken and the doctors did all they could. A friend came and hovered around and said, "What can I bring you? Anything I can get you?"

"No, there is nothing you can do."

"Let me bring you a good book to read."

"No, thank you. I don't care." "Well, then, may I bring you some ice cream?"

"No, no."

"I'll bring a basket of fruit. What can I do? Is there anything I can do for you? Would you like some flowers?"

"Oh, no, no!" the man said, the man on the hospital bed, an old man. He had gone in sin, his body broken down in sin.

The man said, "What can I do?" And then the sick man said this: "There is nothing you can do. There is nothing anybody can do. Oh, God, if there were only somebody who could undo!"

Well, thanks be to God, one day Israel, the prodigal, will be brought back, the harlot wife will be restored, the desert place will be made springs of water, the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be unstopped, the converted harlot will be pure again as she once was, the saved drunkard will be sober again, the penitent thief will be honest again. And, blessed be God, the wicked and vile will again be pure and good. Aren't you glad that those who put their trust in Jesus will have a great time of restoration when the bad things will be made good and the things that we failed in will be restored. Thank God, the Scripture says He will restore the years that the locusts have eaten.

That is what the prodigal boy

thought about when his money was all gone. He said, "I have played the fool. I have wasted my substance in riotous living." And the older brother said he had wasted it with harlots. Then in a hog pen he came to himself. He got his senses about him and he said, "I will arise and go to my father."

He is sobbing as he goes home. What does he want? "O God, I wish I was back as a child. If Dad would let me come back, if I can just listen to my mother and my dad, and eat at home, and be content—I wish he would restore it."

Thank God, it was restored! His father saw him a great way off and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the boy started to say, "Father, I have sinned. I am not fit to be your boy."

But the father interrupted him and said, "Bring the best robe and put on him. And bring shoes for his feet, and bring a ring for his finger! Kill the fatted calf and call the neighbors to come in for supper! My boy was dead and is alive again!"

Oh, the wasted years are undone, wiped out, paid off and forgotten, and the boy is back home again. "My son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found."

Yes, there is coming a time when the lost will be found, when the dead will be made alive, when the wasted will be restored, when the drought will be over, when the frown and the disfavor of God will be removed and there will be a loving smile on the face of God again. Well, that is what the boy meant. When Jesus was crucified, that was what that boy, man, thief on the cross meant when he looked over at Jesus and saw over his head, "This is the King of the Jews." He saw by faith the restoration of Israel and David's kingdom, and he said, "If I had a chance in a good government, in a good land, and with Jesus to help me! Lord Jesus, when you come to your kingdom remember me."

Jesus answered, "I won't wait until the kingdom. Even now, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." And he who was a thief is made a saint. And he who was too sorry and wicked to live on earth in society was made fit for the angels of God, and God Almighty's society, and taken home to Heaven. Oh, the lost restored! Won't that be good! When Israel is restored, much else will be restored, too, thank God!

As I preached in Dallas, Texas, in the Fry Furniture Building one day a sad woman sat near the front and quietly wiped away the tears. Her face was marked. The unhappiness, the lines, the frustration, the sensuality, the grossness that goes with sin marks a woman's face. She looked very sad, as well she might. At the close she didn't come forward. I gave the invitation, and I said, "Come on."

She said, "Preacher, don't torment me. I can't come. Please. There's no use."

"Oh, yes, you can come."

"No, I can't. There is no use making me more miserable. There is nothing I can do about it. Please let me alone."

I said, "Yes, you can come." "No," she said, "I can't." I asked, "Why not?"

"Because," and she broke out into sobbing again, "I can't forget what I have done! I can't forget what I've done!"

I turned to the tenth chapter of Hebrews and told her how this man by one offering hath sanctified forever them that are his. I read that to her, then I showed her where the Scriptures said, after these things "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Heb. 10:26). And the Scripture which says, "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 10:17).

I said, "Don't you see, God says He won't even remember them anymore! They are blotted out. They are forgotten. And God won't ever remember them. Don't you think He can help you forget?"

How glad she was to find that God would blot them out and even forget them, and never even remember them any more. And how gladly she came to trust the Lord Jesus! Thank God, a restoration

is coming to all of us who trust in the Lord Jesus.

II. THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

But I come to another word here and that is the one who is sitting on the throne of David. King of kings, He shall reign in righteousness and judgment. Turn back to that wonderful passage in Jeremiah 23, and read it again. Look at it now in verses 5 and 6: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely (But what is his name? What is His name? Oh, the names of Jesus in the Bible!); and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

There are many beautiful names of Jesus. He is the bright and morning star. He is the lion of the tribe of Judah. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, which means the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. What else is He called? The Son of man, the Son of Abraham, the Son of David, the Son of God. Oh, wonderful! But here is the name for us today: ". . . this is his name whereby he shall be called, (Continued on page 12)

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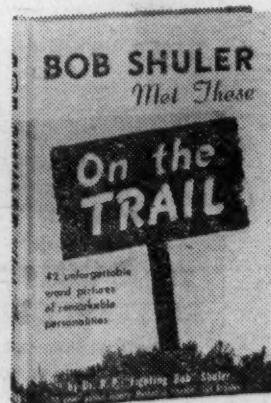
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THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. Jesus Is the Only Truly Righteous One

In the first place, Jesus is righteous. He is *THE* righteous One. He is the only purely righteous one this world ever saw. I thank God, He is righteous. He is as righteous as God the Father. He is the express image of His person. He is one with the Father. He is God's agent in creation. He is God's agent in judgment. God has committed all judgment to the Son. He is God's agent in the writing of the book, the Bible, for the Bible is the word of Christ. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly . . ." (Col. 3:16). Oh, the Son, Jesus! He is sinless and perfect. Is anybody looking for goodness?

You remember a Greek philosopher, Diogenes, went through the streets of Athens with a lighted lantern day and night. People asked, "What is it? What are you seeking, Diogenes?"

He said, "To find an honest man."

He never seemed to find him, an honest man.

You look about for good men, but there are no good men, except by human standards that are very limited, and they fail. Some pressure comes and they fail. You talk about some honest, trustworthy man, "a man who is as good as his bond." Every man tells the truth up to a certain point. The point differs with different men. There is always a point where a man doesn't tell the truth, partly because he doesn't even see the truth, and because it would get him in trouble if he did, or go against his pride. Except by a limited human concept, there are no honest men. But put it up by the side of God and there are only men who are sinners.

This is sad. But there are no pure women except by a limited human concept. There are women who haven't played the harlot. There are women who are nice, good women by every human standard. But the Bible says, "There is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). So in God's sight there are no pure women, there are no honest men.

In God's sight there are no innocent babies. Brother Fast, that infant of yours is not innocent. She is not intentionally guilty now, but by the time she is three weeks old, if you take and hold her head like you want it held, she will raise Ned and kick and scream and want her own way. The Bible says, ". . . they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies." Even a little baby lies. In the middle of the night he howls and says, "My tummy hurts. Hurry! Help me out!" You pick him up and it wasn't his stomach at all. He was lying. He just wanted you to hold him, that is all! I know, because six of them lied to me. Isn't that right, Mrs. Rice? There are not any innocent babies except in a limited concept, a human concept. There are no pure women.

There are no good men till you come to Jesus Christ. Thank God, He is innocent and pure and good. Of Him the dying thief could say, ". . . this man hath done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:41). Only this one could say, "Ye are from beneath: I am from above" (John 8:23). Only this one could say, "Which of you convinceth me of sin? . . ." (John 8:46). I don't dare ask anybody to show me where I have ever done wrong. I don't dare. Miss Viola is always showing me, my wife is always showing me, my children are always showing me. My sons-in-law try but I keep pretty well ahead of them. I don't let them catch up on me so much. But I am just saying that only Jesus Christ can ever look the world in the face and say, "Who can convince me of sin?" But now He is the righteous one. So it is right to say that it is not only that He is the *most* righteous, it is not only that He is one who is righteous, but Jesus is the *only* righteous man who ever walked the earth! Son of man,

Son of God, Son of Abraham, Son of David, and Son of mankind. He is the second Adam. The first Adam—a sinner. The second Adam—pure and sinless. Thanks be to God!

The first baby ever born in this world was Cain, a murderer. He didn't grow up in a pool hall. He didn't have a bad environment. There wasn't anybody he could lay it on. It was built-in wickedness. Every child ever born has the same wickedness but the innocent, blameless Son of God. He is the righteous one, bless God.

2. Christ, the Righteousness of God, Took My Place, Paid My Debt

And not only that, He is not only the righteous one, but He is our substitute. Do you need somebody to pay for sin? Jesus Christ can pay for sin, and nobody else can. Nobody else is fit to. Thank God, Jesus Christ paid for sins. One day God let them nail Jesus to a cross and He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Oh, one day God took all the holiness of Heaven, all the innocence, all the purity, all the goodness, all the riches, all of it concentrated in Jesus Christ, the express image of the Father Himself, and God had Him nailed to a cross. The curse of mankind was on Him for, "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). God turned His face away from Him. The earth trembled and shook and the sky was as black as sackcloth of hair, and the veil in the temple was rent in twain, and the graves opened and people came out after His resurrection. God let Jesus, the innocent, die for the guilty. Jesus became my substitute. That means then that Jesus is now imputed my righteousness. That is, his righteousness is charged to my account.

If somebody knocks at my door and asks, "What is in this house? Is it sin? Is it ruin? Is it impending judgment? Is it that which calls down the wrath of God? What is in this house?"

I answer back, "In this house is all the righteousness and holiness and purity and goodness of God, for the Son dwells in here and He has paid my debt." And, thank God, even a holy God cannot charge anything else up because that has been paid. The whole debt has been paid. It is imputed to me.

God counted Jesus a sinner when He was not a sinner, so now God has a right to count me righteous when I am not righteous. That is imputed righteousness. That is the reason that Psalm 32, as it is quoted over here in Romans 4 . . . What about this righteousness? The Lord said, in talking about Abraham as our example, "How about this righteousness? Was it just for the Jews only or was it for us also?" Now listen to it: "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. [If you work for it—but I didn't work for it. I couldn't work for it. I couldn't pay it. I got it free!] But to him that worketh not [that is me], but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly . . ."

[Justifies what kind of people? Ungodly! A fellow doesn't work and isn't godly, and yet he gets justified and counted just. Do you know what it means to be counted just? That doesn't mean that you are pardoned after you sin. It means you are tried and found not guilty! God looks on me and says, "Well, there is nothing wrong with him in the world. Everything that was ever wrong is fixed. It is all paid. It is all clear. He has paid the last penny. Jesus paid it for me. God counts it settled. So then even as David described it, the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works. That is a substitute righteousness. Jesus paid His righteousness to take the place of my sin. So He is my substitute.]

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even

as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin" (Rom. 4:3-8). So we can say, "Thank God, Jesus Christ has imputed His righteousness to me."

Not only is Jesus Christ, the Son, imputed as my righteousness. The Lord our Righteousness is His name.

But another blessed truth: He is my imparted righteousness. Not only does God charge up, the righteousness to me, but God is an honest God and God says, "Well, if I am going to count John Rice righteous I sure have a job on my hands, because now I have to make him righteous." God says, "I am honest and square and if I am going to count John Rice righteous and put him down in the records, and have it all through the ages that John Rice is counted righteous, I sure have a job on my hands because I am going to make him what I claim him to be."

So God puts His Spirit within me. And I became a partaker of the divine nature and Christ is in me, the hope of glory. And I begin to be like Him. Paul said, "I have not yet attained. I am not yet perfect. But I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." One of these days the race will be ended and all of Paul's striving will be over. Then in a moment he will be made as pure and good

Even a dog barks when his master is attacked; should not I raise my voice when the majesty of God is attacked?

—John Calvin

as he had longed to be. One of these days in a moment the voice of the archangel and the trump of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise, and we wait for His Son from Heaven who shall change our vile bodies like unto His glorious body. Then, thank God, I, who am already counted righteous in Heaven, will suddenly be completely righteous. And God has made me then what He claimed me to be and reckoned me to be before.

3. Christ Thus Becomes the Believer's Salvation

Now read that story again back here in Jeremiah 23. What is the wonderful name? ". . . and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jesus Christ my righteousness.

I come to say two things now about it. First of all, if the Lord is my righteousness, that fixes my salvation. There is not anything better than that!

Somebody says, "I have the church."

I have Jesus!

"I have baptism," you say.

I have Jesus Christ, the righteousness of God.

You say, "But I have been confirmed."

Yes, but I have Jesus Christ, the righteousness of God.

Somebody says, "I have all of life well lived."

I have the absolute perfection of Jesus Christ. He is in me! I have Him. Any boat I am in has perfect righteousness in it. Any house I live in has perfect righteousness in it. Any suit of clothes I wear has perfect righteousness in it. Brother, I cannot be separated from it. Thanks be unto God, I am persuaded that neither life, nor death, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. I have Christ my righteousness, and He is making me righteous. The Devil cannot get me.

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again . . ." (Rom. 8:34). ". . . If God be for us, who

can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). You see, my salvation is sure.

Listen! Not only is my salvation sure, but my eternal safety is sure.

Somebody says, "But, Brother Rice, suppose you do wrong?"

Well, it isn't supposition—it is a certainty! But my debt is paid! Somebody says, "But, Brother Rice, do you suppose you could commit the unpardonable sin?"

How could I when my sins are already pardoned? All my sins are already pardoned. Not going to be pardoned when I die—I am pardoned now! My sins are already blotted out! "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be . . ." (I John 3:2). "He that believeth on him is not condemned . . ." (John 3:18). You see, I am already saved, already justified, already not condemned. Sin is already blotted out.

You say, "But suppose you do wrong?"

Well, if I do wrong, I am God's child. He may whip me for it, and I will suffer for it, but, thank God, my salvation is on the basis of Jesus Christ, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

I bear record about the Jews. This is where they have gone wrong, Paul said. "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:2, 3). That is their trouble. They had their own way of righteousness. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4).

Have you personally put your trust in Jesus Christ? The Ten Commandments, every law of God ever made—is all filled. All settled! Praise the Lord!

Somebody says, "I have worked for years." Some Jews said, "I have brought my tithes, kept the passover, I was circumcised the eighth day, I have kept the Jewish sabbath, and brought all the sacrifices."

Yes, I know. But all that is now settled in a moment. I have Jesus Christ, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Listen! I have the high priest myself! I have the Lamb of God, the sacrifice! I have everything, everything in the heart, when I have Jesus. I have Jesus!

4. This Is My Assurance of Salvation

How am I going to have assurance? How will I know I am saved?

Brother, when you have Jesus, that settles the whole business. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, [not sold it to us—given it to us!] and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have

eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:11-13). All of it is yours when you have Jesus. You have the whole business.

How many have Him? How many say, "Thanks be to God, He is THE LORD MY RIGHTEOUSNESS, my redemption, my salvation, my sanctification, my eternal hope of glory—everything! And I have Him tonight." Praise the Lord! How many can say, "I have Him"? He is THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Let's say that word together: ". . . and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." My righteousness! My Jesus! My Saviour, my dear Saviour.

Our Heavenly Father, come in power today. Oh come now. If there be anybody not sure of salvation, bring them tonight to know it for sure, and be saved. In Jesus' name.

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